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CITY OF NEW YORK

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[114] In Common Council September 7. 1818.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Stevens
Elisha W. King	John P. Anthony
Anth. L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Gurdon S. Manwaring—one of Andrew R. Miller—of Andrew Smyth—of John Vial—of John Marschalk—of William Harriman—and of Ebenezer Cole for the appointment of Weighmaster—were read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Ann Smith for extension of time for payment of a balance due from her on an Assessment upon Lot No. 24 in Roosevelt Street was [115] read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was received from Julia M. Lawrence, Widow of the late Captain James Lawrence of the United States' Navy who fell in the engagement between the United States' Ship Chesapeake with the British Ship Shannon, stating that on the 14th of September 1813 the Common Council after sundry recitals resolved that in testimony of their high sense of acts of devotion to our country and of the regard in which they held the memory of the deceased that the sum of One thousand dollars be granted to each of the children of the said Captain James Lawrence, to be placed in the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Interest thereon to be added yearly to the principal and to be paid to the daughter when she arrives at the age of Eighteen years and to the Son at the age of Twenty one years, and in case of the death of either the portion of the deceased to go to the Survivor: that the Infant son has since died—leaving his Sister Mary N. Lawrence surviving—and praying the Common Council to carry said Resolution into effect—which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Varick to be appointed Deputy Clerk [116] of Grand and Gouverneur Street Markets: one of John Miller for Stall No. 5 Spring Street Market: of John Crawbuck and Hassel Wheeler for stalls in the Market erecting in Grand St. and of James Puddy for Butcher's License and Stall in the Fly Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Captains of the Second District of the City Watch, complaining of the insufficiency of the present caps of the Watchmen—was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 8th Ward, complaining that the water of the Well at the corner of Spring and Varick Streets was very bad, and praying a new one may be sunk, and a Petition for a Well in Spring Street at the corner of Wooster Street—were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A further petition of Cornelius Harsin, to be reimbursed for expences of a wharf erected by him and to release the same to the Corporation, accompanied with a Statement of said expen- [117] diture, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Beaver Street between William and Broad Streets may be raised and repaved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Gilbert Davis, of Joseph Green, of James Rogers and of Luke Gillen, praying remission of penalties said to be incurred by selling liquor without license, were read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts.

A Remonstrance from sundry owners of Ferry Boats employed between the City and Staten Island against granting to Aaron Ogden the exclusive right of the Wharf at Whitehall Slip for his Steam Boat was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition that a Building in Water Street near Pike Street which projects into the Street and is also from its decayed State dangerous to passengers may be removed, was read and referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of William Freeman for appointment as [118] Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Confidential Communication from Jonas Humbert Jr. on the subject of oil was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Similar Communication from the same person on the subject of Flour used by the Bakers in this City was read and referred to the

Committee on the subject of the Inspection of Loaf Bread—Viz. Committee on Laws.

A Petition that Leonard Street between Orange and Elm Streets may be regulated and paved—was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition that Avenue D. may be opened and regulated from North Street to the Market place was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of William Mooney for permission to transfer the Lease of lots held by him under the Corporation to the Mutual Insurance Company was read and laid for consideration until a Report from the Finance Committee on the [119] subject which was to be presented this evening was read.

A Petition in behalf of the Corporations of Hudson and Athens for the use of the Mud Machine was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves—with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Communication from Alfred S. Pell on the subject of numbering Hackney Carriages and other regulations respecting them was read and referred to Mr. Allen Ald. Mesier Mr. Akerly.

A Petition of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the use of a Room in which to hold their meetings was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

A Petition of Peter S. Webb for remission of fine for selling bread under weight, the same having been baked by contract of a certain weight and to be sold out of the City, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[120] Petitions, of J. Scoles for privilege to construct a vault in Hester Street, and of James B. Murray for a Vault in Warren Street were granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that the Line of the Fence of the Park in Hudson Street may be set back so as to range with the line of said Street was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of John Brinckley for permission to assign to the Washington Insurance Company the Lease of No. 118 Chrystie Street was read and referred to the Comptroller and Counsel to grant the prayer of the petition, upon the Rent due on said Lease being paid & discharged.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies, Viz.

" Fire Engine Company No. 2 "

Ebenezer Cobbs, Tobacconist, 110 Henry St. 7th ward vice Henry Foose, Resigned

" Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

[121] Charles Platt, Cabinet Maker, 31 Gold St. 2d ward vice Charles Weed, Deceased.

" Fire Engine Company No. 23."

Thomas Ayres Carpenter—Hudson n. Vandam—8th ward—vice Francis Raymond—Deceased.

" Fire Engine Company—No. 33."

John Halsey—Carpenter—Delancey Street—10th ward vice George Arrowsmith, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances—which ordinances were passed.

1	Thos. Stagg Jr.	Own.		Thompson St.	Lot
2	Chs. R. Hatfield	Own. & Occ.	343	Greenwich St.	Privy.
3	O. Demilt	do. do.	50	Rivington St.	do.
4	N. Grenard	Own.	9	Pike St.	do.
	E. Mann	Occ.			
5	D. Tooker	Own.	23	Jay St.	do
	K. Sage	Occ.			
6	W. Hicks	Own.	180	Bancker St.	do.
	J. Johnson	Occ.			
7	W. Hicks Own.	H. Johnson Oc.	182	do	do
8	Jno. McLaughlin	Les. & Occ.	29	Augustus St.	do
9	G. B. Abel. Own.	J. McGuire Occ.	53	do	do
	do.	do. J. Thompson do.	55	do	do

(signed) G. Cuming

[122] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Ludlow Street from Delancey to Rivington Street—which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector thereof.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed: Viz—for repaving Spring Street from Wooster to Thompson Street and for repaving Jacob Street from Frankfort to Ferry Street, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for regulating and paving Franklin Square, and Roger

Strong, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for building a Common Sewer in Canal Street from the Westerly side of the Bulkhead in Washington Street to Collect Street, and Peter Hawes, Roger Strong and John Targee were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Broadway—whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Counsel presented a Release of Quit rent to Garrit Storm and Susan his wife, Juliana M. [123] Gouverneur, Adelaide Gouverneur, and Isaac H. Gouverneur, heirs of Isaac Gouverneur deceased, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas Irvin and John Reade on a lot in the First Ward granted 15th February 1769 to Nicholas Gouverneur, the Commutation for the same having been paid by Garrit Storm—whereupon —the Release was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented draughts of the following deeds, which were directed to be duly executed:

" For lots Nos. 22 and 14 of the Collect lots to Thomas Egerton

For lot No. 191 of the Collect lots to Edmund Kirby

For lot No. 154 of the Collect lots to James Vincent—And for a triangular lot of ground in Chamber Street to Elbert Anderson which have been prepared in pursuance of instructions from the Comptroller.

Also a lease of a narrow slip of ground bordering on Roosevelt Street to Charles McCarty—which has been prepared in pursuance of an order of the Board. This lease is for eight years and nine months from the first of August last with a covenant for a renewal

Also a covenant with Peter M. Allison for building [124] a pier at the foot of Oliver Street—which has been prepared in pursuance of instructions from the Assistant Street Commissioner."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

He also, agreeably to the Report of the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Counsel, to whom had been referred the report of the Comptroller, Street Commissioner and Counsel on the subject of the pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street, presented the Counterpart of *the counterpart of* an agreement with John Mullanphy and the Comptroller respecting the north side of the pier on the South side of Courtlandt Street—which agreement was directed to be duly executed. The Report of the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel was as follows:

"That all the interest of Jacob Wilkins in this pier was mortgaged by him to the Eagle Fire Company, which mortgage has been foreclosed and the property purchased in at a sale under a decree of the Court of Chancery by a Mr. Mullanphy, who is now of course entitled to all the interest which Jacob Wilkins had in the premises at the time he executed the Mortgage.

[125] Mr. Mullanphy now offers the premises to the Corporation upon the same terms which they hold them from the Executors of the will of Jacob Wilkins, excepting that he requires a relinquishment of all right to call upon him for any portion of the rent in arrears. The undersigned are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of his proposition, excepting so far as relates to the relinquishment of rent, and that a sum equal to the proportion now due from him for rent should be paid to him, as a relinquishment of the right to demand rent from the owner of a part of the premises might operate as a relinquishment of the whole rent in arrear."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
" G. N. Bleecker
" Jno. M^c^Comb

On which report that of the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Counsel was as follows:

" That they have had the same under consideration and agree with them in their report They recommend that the same be adopted and that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a lease accordingly, the rent to commence on the 1st of August 1817, the time at which the property was sold by order of the Chancellor."

[126] He also presented the draught of a Contract for making a sewer in Canal Street—which was referred to the Canal Committee.

The Street Committee, on the petition that Water Street at Corlaer's Hook may be paved, reported: " That the Carriage Way from Clinton Street to near Corlaer's Street is paved agreeably to the directions of the Board: that the owners of the property have been directed by the Street Commissioner to lay the sidewalks. A number have complied and the whole will be done in due time. That part of the street lying between Pike and Rutger's Slip they would recommend to be regulated, the Curb stone laid and the side walk to be gravelled, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance to that effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Water Street from

Pike to Rutger Street reported in favor of the petitioners—both which reports were approved.

[127] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Roosevelt Street so as to carry the water on the surface, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration.

A Resolution was presented referring to the Street Committee to consider the propriety of regulating the Sewer in Roosevelt Street on the same plan with that in Ferry Street, and was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition to widen Market Street, presented a report which was referred back to the same Committee.

The Alms' House Committee presented the following report—which was ordered to be filed:

" That the humane views of the Corporation in relation to the insane have been carried into effect. Apartments have been fitted up in the North wing of the Alms' House at Bellevue and the male maniacs have been removed from the Penitentiary to these apartments under the care of a person taken on trial as a keeper. There are now 14 persons in his charge, and as there are accommodations for thirty, provided they are not raving mad, it is the intention of the Committee to remove some of the crazy paupers at the Lunatic Asylum to these [128] new apartments as soon as the Keeper shall become somewhat accustomed to the management of such persons. The Committee have also directed some better arrangements for the female maniacs requiring particular attention.

" In visiting the Alms' house Establishment the Committee have been very much pleased with the order, neatness and regularity displayed in the management of this Institution and take this opportunity of expressing their satisfaction with the Commissioners and all the officers of the house. They find upon examination that on the 1st September instant there were in the different buildings 1565 persons:

There were in the Penitentiary		364	
" " " " Alms' house		1201	
			1565
Males in the Penitentiary	192		
Females in do.	172		
		364	
Men in the Alms' house	300		
Women in do	372		
Boys do	328		
Girls do	201		
		1201.	
			1565

Of these there were about 70 sick in the Hospitals and 40 in the different wards not requiring to be removed to the hospitals."
which was ordered to be filed.

[129] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Deborah Post, reported: "That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted—that is to have a Water grant for a lot situated at Corlaer's Hook between Abraham Legget and Cornelius Ray and to extend from Water Street to the permanent line of South Street."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Saml. Stevens

which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petitions for Stalls in Grand Street Market—reported in favor of the following petitioners: Viz

Thomas Place	Stall No.	1
Henry Spicer	"	2
		3
Samuel Pearcy	"	4
		5
Andrew Van Dusen	"	6
Stephen Doan	"	7
John Ackley	"	8

(signed) By the whole Committee.

which was approved—and Licenses directed to issue therefor.

[130] The Market Committee, on the subject of Forestallers occupying the Market, reported:

"That in the discharge of their duty they find great difficulty in preventing occasions of the law for regulating the Public Markets. The small meats brought to the lower Fly Market are, with very few exceptions, first brought by the persons offering them for sale in and about this City: or the creatures are sent them by some person residing a few miles in the country, with whom an arrangement is made for that purpose, to sell on commission or as pretended agents for the owner—to the great detriment of our own Butchers who are restricted to a particular stand, while these people enjoy all the privilege and advantages of the Market intended for the man who brings the produce of his own farm for sale. The same system in effect is practised by the sellers of poultry, eggs and vegetables. The Lower Market, together with the ground appropriated for the Country people, is daily occupied by persons under the denomination of agents—and it is not uncommon for men bringing articles of produce from the country to distribute them among several of these agents, [131] thereby occupying three or four stands at one and the same time contrary to the true spirit and intent of the law. " The Committee take it for granted that the object in preventing our own butchers from occupying stands in the lower market was that by appropriating a convenient place for the sale of country produce the farmer might be encouraged to bring to the City the small meats and other articles produced on his own farm: but by the system now pursued this object is completely defeated, as it is a rare thing to see a farmer in the market with meats &c. of his own raising, almost every article being sold on commission or by the pretended agents of the farmer. The truth is, in the opinion of the Committee, that nearly, if not all, these agents are Butchers or Hucksters in disguise, who under cover of their agency have an opportunity of evading the law forestalling and other improper acts. The Committee cannot perceive the propriety of permitting the market thus to be occupied to the exclusion of our own citizens who are regular bred butchers and at the same time subjects of taxation, high rents and other inconveniences incident to a residence in this City, while the persons alluded to, who are principally residents of Long Island, perform no duty and pay [132] no taxes in this County. The Committee are of opinion that the evils complained of will in some measure be remedied by doubling the fees on all meat offered for sale in and about the lower market, except that sold by the person who raised the creatures on his own farm—and by compelling those denominated agents to pay a certain price for their stand toward defraying the expence of the public markets. The following Resolutions are therefore offered:

" Resolved that the fees for selling meats in and about the lower Fly Market, except that sold by country people being the produce of their own farms, be raised to double the amount fixed by the law to regulate the public Markets.

" Resolved—that the Market Committee be authorised, at their discretion, to grant permits to all persons selling fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs or butter in or near said Market, and to fix such fees, rates or sums of money to be paid for such permits as they may deem just and reasonable—provided, however, that it shall not be necessary for country people, resorting to said market to sell their own provisions to have or pay for such permits."

(signed) G. Buckmaster—S. Allen—P. Mesier—A. L. Underhill—Westervelt whereupon—the resolutions therein proposed [133] were agreed to, and the Counsel directed to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the application of William Mooney, reported:

"That Mr. William Mooney, who holds Two lots of ground in Chatham Street under lease from the Corporation, for the purpose of improving that part of said lots fronting on Chamber Street, and to pay the arrears of rent due on the same has made an arrangement with the Mutual Insurance Company for the loan of a sum of money, and therefore requests permission from the Board to assign his leases to said Company as security for the sum to be loaned. The Committee consider the request of Mr. Mooney reasonable; and as the permission to assign will not lessen the security of the Corporation, they respectfully recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that William Mooney be permitted to assign to the Mutual Insurance Company of the City of New York the leases held by him for Two lots of ground in Chatham Street belonging to the Corporation—provided he pay to the Comptroller all the money which shall be due or owing on said lots for rent or otherwise.

"Resolved—that the Counsel of the Board be instruc- [134] ted to discontinue the suit pending with Mr. Mooney, on his paying the costs accruing thereon."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

whereupon the resolutions proposed were agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the communication of J. Waterman, reported: "That the lot alluded to is situated at the corner of Water and Roosevelt Streets and is charged with the sum of 515 dollars and 68 cents. The lease held by Mr. Waterman contains the usual conditions and includes all taxes and Assessments to be imposed during the term for which it was given. The Committee however subscribe by no means to the justice of these conditions, particularly when applied to the present case, inasmuch as the improvement is only applicable to the Lessee during the term of his lease and after that reverts to the owner of the fee. It appears as a matter of equity, therefore, that the Lessee ought to pay only so much of the Assessment as his Leasehold is benefitted by the improvement, and that the remainder, if any, ought to be [135] paid by the Lessor. Adopting this as a principle, the Committee have calculated the ratio benefit to be derived by Mr. Waterman at 245 dollars 55 cents, leaving the amount to be paid by the Corporation at 270 dollars and 13 cents and they offer the following Resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the Collector of Assessment for opening Roosevelt Street be instructed to receive from Jedediah Waterman 245 dollars and 55 cents, in lieu of the whole amount imposed on the lot held by him under lease from the Corporation situated at the corner of Water & Roosevelt Streets.

" For the purpose of establishing a general principle in relation to Assessments on property held under lease from the Corporation for opening and enlarging streets or public places, the Committee beg leave to propose the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board:

" Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to request the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who are, or who may be hereafter appointed by the Supreme Court for the purpose of opening, extending or enlarging any street or public place in this City, to assess on the Lessee or lessees of property belonging to the Corporation only so much of the cost of such improve[me]nt as he or [136] they shall, in their opinion be benefitted thereby, in proportion to the extent of his term, and the remainder, if any, on the Corporation."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the subject of regulating Greenwich Village presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed: 50 copies were directed to be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Allen presented a Communication containing Resolutions for the regulating of the Weighmasters—which was read and laid for consideration. One of said Resolutions recommending the increase of the number of Weighmasters to 23 was considered and agreed to and upon motion afterwards extended to 24. The Board then proceeded to appoint an additional number of Weighmasters—when the following were appointed:

[137] Abraham Ackerman—Andrew R. Miller—Eben^{r} Coles—Elihu H. De Camp—Andrew Smith—John Turk—John Marschalk.

An Invitation from the Columbian Society to attend the celebration of the victories of Champlain and Plattsburg on Friday next at Washington Hall was presented and accepted.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to:

" Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider the expediency of prohibiting the Manhattan Company from digging up and leaving the Streets of this City unpaved in such manner as to be dangerous to passengers, and also to consider of the propriety of taking measures to obtain compensation for injury done by the said Company to the pavements in this City."

whereupon the same was referred to Alderman King Alderman Morss Alderman Allen

Resolved—that the Committee to whom was referred the subject respecting Dyers be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board.

[138] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 24th Augt	80.37	
Recd for Rents	6744.67	
" " Streets	4425.19	
" " Arrears of Tax	600.	
" " Tax of 1817—Ninth ward	543.64	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	584.	
" " Fourth Street	400.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	166.50	
" " Wells and Pumps	124.65	
Loan of Mechanics' Bank	10,000.	23,669.02

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st Dist	1142.75
do. Addition from 15th July—do	94.50
Clark & Hibberd—Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower—do. 3d do.	413.
C. D. Colden—Mayor's Salary—2 qrs. 2d inst	3500.
Saml. Hutchings—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st ins	52.
Jonathan Weeden— do. do. do.	52.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr do. do.	52.
Obadiah Ayres. do. do. do.	52.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers do. do.	60.
And. McCready—Park keeper do. do.	46.50
Dan. H. Magee—Potters' field—keeper do. do.	46.50
Benj. Birdsall—bal. Iron fence at Park	688.81
Geo. Platt—Work at Mud Machine—12 May to 8 Aug.	626.11
[139] Allen & Truslow—buildg Grand St. Market	586.12
Thos. H. Smith—4 sets China—2 sets waiters	155.50

Isaac Baptist—Iron work for Mud Machine	87.72	
Ab^{m} Dally—Ship chandlery for do	76.40	
Jno. Richardson—attend^{g} Justice's Court—one quarter to first of September	58.50	
Jac. Warner—Special Justice—1 qr. Saly—26 Aug	187.50	
Jac. Hopson— do. do. do.	187.50	
Chs. Christian— do. do. do.	187.50	
Ber^{d} O'Blenis—Clerk Police— do. do.	250.	
Resolvert Stephens—As^{t} do. do. do.	200.	
J. Hays—for Officers convey^{g} Vagrants from Police to Penitentiary—4 April to 26 Augt	134.	
Geo. Snethen—Sup^{g} & light^{g} lamps—1 mo. 1st inst	823.50	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup^{t} Reprs. reprs. to Lamps	140.	
Higgins & Parks—filling at Crane Wharf	900.	
Geo. Lovett—2d Instal^{t} piers Spring St. Basin	2000.	
Rodman Bowne—reprs. at Catharine Slip for ferry	200.76	
A. S. Morwood—Juror's fees—valuing ground taken between Oliver and Catharine and Roosevelt and New Slips	180.	
Robt. Pettigrew—Well in Beach Street	29.25	
do. 1st Instal^{t} Well in Cherry St	83.50	
Jac. Smith Jr. repairing Engines	25.25	
Ald. Munson—Treas^{r} Board of Health	250.	
[140] Hugh Smith—paving Water St	800.	
Chs. Mooney—reg^{g} Collect Street	400.	
John Hunt—Award for Henry St	361.13	
W^{m} Vonck— do. do	200.	
Chs. Mooney—paving Franklin St	300.	
Jno. Stanley—regulating Bond St	200.	
Hugh Smith paving Water St	200.	
Mary Crooker & Mary Moncrief acct. award for Roosevelt Street	200.	
John Sloan—regul^{g} Houston St	182. 8	
J. Meghan—pav^{g} Greenwich Street	145.93	
Terence Tiffany—reg^{g} Sheriff St	100.	
Jas. Pinkerton—paving Orange St	100.	
W^{m} Miller—pav^{g} & repair^{g} Intersections	40.37	
Rich^{d} Furman, Sup^{t} of Alms' House	6000.	23,481.18
	Balance	$187.84

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[141] In Common Council Sept. 14. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of William Harriman for continuance of appointment of Weighmaster, and one of Joseph G. Sidney to be appointed to paste up notices of the Corporation in the Streets—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near Vestry and Hudson Streets—and one for a Well in Washington [142] Street near Hubert Street—were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of P. Schermerhorn and others, owners of Water lots between Fulton Street and the Pier on West side of Peck Slip—praying that the pier, agreeably to the general plan of South Street, may be run out—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants in Roosevelt Street, praying that the Assessments for opening said Street may be immediately collected, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Henry Hutchins that Collister Street may be regulated—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Van Sice, praying that the time for paying of Assessment on Lot No. 44 in Roosevelt Street laid for improving said Street may be extended three months—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[143] A Petition from owners of lots in Roosevelt Street and Streets adjacent, recommending the adoption of the plan proposed for regulating said Street by conveying the water under the side walks—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Ebenezer Storer keeper of the Tontine Coffee house was received, stating that he has received a note from the Attorney of the Corporation informing him that he has incurred a penalty by not having up a sign as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors: that since the Establishment of said house no other sign has been exhibited than the Keeper's name; but if the Board consider it necessary he will comply with the Ordinance; and praying a remission of the fine. Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

A Letter addressed to Alderman Buckmaster from William B. Crosby was received, stating that he had received an order to pave in front of his property in Water Street, and suggesting the propriety of directing the North side of said Street only to be paved, and referred to the Street Committee, and the paving of the South side suspended till the [144] further [order] of the Board.

A Petition of Deborah Morris, by her agent Diana Gardner, praying that the payment of the Assessment on the lot corner of Roosevelt and Oak Streets for opening Roosevelt Street may be delayed until it can be collected from the tenants of said property, for which a sufficient authority will be given to the Collector—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Petitions from Terence Tiffany, John Graham and others, stating that they have entered into contracts for digging out streets and filling up Docks and Streets and have carts engaged in that business: that they have received a letter from the Attorney informing them that they have incurred a fine by so using these carts not having license as Cartmen; and praying that said fines may be remitted and that an ordinance may be passed authorising carts to be employed for such purposes—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject—viz —Committee on Public Offices.

[145] A Petition of Mary Waldron, praying that the time for payment of Assessment on her laid for opening Fourth Street may be extended six months—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance against granting to Aaron Ogden the right of the Pier at Whitehall Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from W^m^ Van Beuren, Commander of the Custom house Revenue Barges of the United States, praying permission to erect a Boat house adjoining the Bridge at Whitehall erected by D. D. Tompkins and Noah Brown, which will be made more ornamental to that part of the City than the Boathouse at present used by them, and which will contain a room for the accommodation of the citizens using the Steam boat, was read, together with a certificate of the assent thereto of D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown—whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward.

An application of Oliver Vanderbilt, City Sealer, on the subject of his office, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[146] The following appointments of a Fire Warden and Firemen were made, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies: Viz

"Fire Warden of the Second Ward."

John Leonard Mercht. 119 William St. 2d ward vice John Mowatt Jr. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Wm C. Burt—House Carpenter—74 Hudson—5 wd vice Danl Hawxhurst—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Jno. Van Nest—Accountt 13 William—1 ward—vice Henry Lowry Resigned

Danl M. Lord Acct 77 Water St. 1 ward—vice John Wilcox—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 41."

Benjn. Defries—Cordwainer—Norfolk c. Broome—10 wd vice George Kirk—removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1.	Wm Bethel 2 P. Ogilvie	(Own.)	Willett St.	Lots
3	Lemuel Wells	(do.)	Hudson	do
4.	A. L. Stewart	(do.)	do.	do
5.	Wm Paulding Jr.	(do)	do.	do
6	B. Bell (Own.) W. Wa[l]ker	(Occ.)	2 Pelham St.	Privy
7	do. do. T. Wood	(do.)	3 do.	do

[147] The Street Commissioner, on the regulation of Water Street from Pike to Rutgers' Slip, reported:

"That to fill up the Street to its permanent regulation is not required at present, as it would render it impracticable to land articles at the Bulkhead adjoining. Instead therefore of raising the street to its full height and setting Curb stone, he would recommend that the street be only partially filled up for the present and that the curbing be dispensed with. He would also recommend that the regulation be continued to Clinton Street and that an Ordinance be passed to carry the same into effect."

(signed) Jno. M^c^Comb St. Comm^r^

which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street near Spring Street—which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors. He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Water Street from Pike Slip to Clinton Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector [148] in each—Viz—For paving Bowling green Street: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets; and for regulating and paving Oak Street from Oliver street to Catharine Street.

The Comptroller reported: "That on the 1st instant he wrote to the Comptroller of the State requesting a draught for the sum of $2051.47 which was appropriated by an Act of the Legislature of this State, passed April 1st 1818, to defray Assessments on Collect, Walker, Pump, Rynder and Canal streets in this City.

"On the 7th instant he received an order in favor of the City Treasurer for the above sum, which has been deposited in the Treasury by the Collectors of Assessments of the aforesaid streets."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented a grant of a Water Lot on the East River near Walnut Street to John J. Post, Catharine Ritter, Deborah Douglass, William Post and Peter R. Post—which was directed to be duly executed.

[149] The Counsel reported: "That some of the premises required for extending the Sixth Avenue and for enlarging and improving Carmine Street are under lease, and that the leases will expire on the first of May next. As the report of the Commissioners in that case cannot be confirmed before the October term of the Supreme Court, when it will be too late to regulate those streets this season, the Counsel respectfully recommends that an order be passed to suspend that improvement till the first of May, as by so doing the owners of property in that neighbourhood will be relieved from paying the sums which will otherwise be awarded the Lessees for their damage. The Counsel also recommends the adoption of a similar Resolution with

respect to Harman, Grand, Oliver and Dover Streets, and for these purposes he respectfully recommends the adoption of the following Resolution: Viz

" Resolved—that the opening, extending, enlarging altering and improving of the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Carmine Street, and of Carmine Street; and also of Harman Street, Grand Street, Oliver street and Dover Street be suspended until the first day of May next." Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

[150] The Counsel, respecting the treating with owners of ground in Fayette Street, reported:

" That the proprietors of the property fronting on the East side of Fayette Street and of the property which lies near to the contemplated westerly side of Oliver Street between Bancker and Chatham Streets are desirous of treating with the Corporation for the purchase of such parts of Fayette Street and of such gores of lots as adjoin their respective lots. The Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending Oliver Street and closing Fayette Street have been consulted, and they, as well as the Counsel, are of opinion that the expence of that improvement will be very much reduced by making such an arrangement. The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends that a Committee be appointed to treat with the said persons for the sale of that property, and that the Committee be instructed to report the result of their proceedings to the Board for their approbation."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which report was approved, and it was referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon.

[151] The Counsel, agreeably to order, reported the draught of a Law to amend the law respecting the Fly Market, which was referred back to him to report an Ordinance making the same regulations applicable to the several Markets of the City.

The Committee of Laws, agreeably to the reference to them, reported a law entitled " A Law respecting Public Pumps and to prevent the drying of Cloth in the Streets"—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Aaron Ogden and the Remonstrances against the same, presented a Report, the consideration whereof was postponed and the same referred back to said Committee.

The same Committee, on the communication from the Counsel respecting granting permission to D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown to extend the size of the Ferry House which they have had permission to erect, presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Resolvert Stephens, reported: "That [152] they have enquired into the matters set forth in said petition and find that Mr. Stephens has been for some years past usefully employed as Assistant Clerk in said office: that his punctuality and correct conduct have heretofore been approved by this Corporation and in two instances rewarded by an increase of Salary which is now eight hundred dollars per annum:

"That your Committee are well satisfied that Mr. Stephens still continues faithfully, and with ability to discharge his official duties, notwithstanding his time (by the gradual increase of the business of that department) is now almost constantly employed in the public service: And your Committee are of opinion that a small increase might with great propriety be made to the Salary of Mr. Stephens. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Salary of Mr. Resolvert Stephens, Assistant Clerk in the Police Office of this City be increased to nine hundred dollars, to commence from the 26th day of August being the last quarter day."

(signed) T. Bolton: S. Allen
" G. B. Thorp: S. Stevens

which was agreed to.

[153] The Committee of the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Communication of the Chief Engineer that Houses are wanted for Engines Nos. 7. & 12, reported:

"That houses ought to be erected for Nos. 7 and 12, and that they have obtained a plan for said buildings of the Street Commissioner and the Estimate of Tucker and Maybie for erecting a building agreeable to said plan, which your Committee are of opinion ought to be adopted. Your Committee beg leave to state that the Estimate is for a One or a Two-story building. The estimate for a One Story building is $1,430, for a Two Story building $2061—making a difference of $631 between a One or a Two Story building. Your Committee are of opinion that the house two stories high, altho' it may cost $631 more, you will be enabled to rent the upper story for a sum equal to the interest of the cost of the building and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby directed to erect a Two story building agreeable to the plan by which they estimate for the sum of Two thousand and sixty one dollars."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise for contract for a building [154] agreeably to the plan recommended by the Committee, and that the Committee be authorised to contract for the said building with such person or persons as they shall judge will do the work on the best terms.

The same Committee, on the report of the Chief Engineer respecting the decayed state of Fire Engine No. 12 and respecting the Floating Engine, reported: "That they have had the several subjects of said report under consideration and concur in opinion of the Chief Engineer and beg leave to recommend the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to cause Two Engines to be built of the usual size, one for the Firemen of No. 12 and the other for the Firemen of the Floating Engine.

"Resolved—that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to dispose of the Floating Engine and all her apparatus to the best advantage."

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved.

[155] The same Committee, on the Report of the Chief Engineer respecting an Engine house for No. 28—reported: "That a house for No. 28 ought to be erected on a lot of ground No. 747 in Mercer Street belonging to the Corporation, which said lot is unoccupied, and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to erect a building of Wood suitable for Engine No. 28 on a lot of ground No. 747 in Mercer Street."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, and Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward, to whom was referred the petition for extending the South Pier at Spring Street Basin, reported: "That a contract was made to build the North Pier and L and the two Blocks and Bridges in part of the South pier at the foot of Spring Street on the Hudson River for the sum of about $13,900. It was understood at the time that this appropriation was made for this improvement that the parties interested in the North pier of said Slip were to pay two thirds of that expence.

[156] It now appears that some demur or delay is likely to take place by the aforesaid parties, consequently the whole expence for building said Basin is likely to fall on the Corporation. Your Committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner at present."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Sam^{l} Stevens
" G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen

which was received and the Report directed to be filed.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to: " Resolved that the Commissioners for the opening of Beekman Street and for taking the ground between Fulton Street and Crane wharf be requested to complete their reports without unnecessary delay and that the Clerk of this Board furnish them with a copy of this resolution."

The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Market Committee and Street Commissioner be authorised to regulate the ground where the Market stand in Christopher Street [157] near the State Prison, agreeable to the regulation of the Streets now under regulation in that part of our City, and to put under said Market a Cellar if thought to be of public utility."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury	$187.84	
Received for Streets	4620.37	
" " Fourth Street	2500.	
" " Canal Street	1131.10	
" " Excise	404.	
" " Police Office	239.39	
" " Tavern Licenses	107.80	
" " Docks and Slips	33.06	9223.56

Accounts Audited.

Geo. Cuming—City Insp^{r} 1 qr. Sal. 28 Aug	312.50
Phil. Becanon—Bread Inspr. 1 qr. 10th Sept	96.30
Geo. Wragg—Award for Spring street	1750.
Geo. Vaughan— do. Henry do.	669.10
Jas. Pinkerton—paving Mill street	100.
Geo. Charlton—bal^{ce} on Well in Mill St	20.
Leon^{d} Bleecker—Treas^{r} Free School Soc^{y} State grant	1500.

Pet. Schermerhorn—Int. on Bond—6 mo. 1 Aug^t..........	450.	
do. 1 year's rent—ground Engine 1 inst...	75.	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup^t reprs—for reprs....................	200.	5,172.90
	Balance	$4,050.66

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[158] In Common Council Sept. 21. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anth. L. Underhill
John Morss
Robert M^{c}Queen
Geo. Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
E. Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Samuel Cheesman and Sarah Johnson, stating that to widen Oliver Street a part of Lots Nos. 11 and 13 fronting on Fayette Street and owned by them was taken leaving small gores of ground and praying said gores may be sold to them—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[159] An account from the City Dispensary for the annual subscription of $600 for the Vaccine Department of that Institution was presented and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct a Warrant to be reported therefor.

A Petition of Benjamin French, stating that he is employed in supplying water to the Inhabitants of the City, that by a late law he is prohibited from taking from any of the pumps unless the water is carried from the Pump a considerable distance to the hogshead which is to be filled, which from his age and infirmity he is unable to do, and praying to be permitted to take 4 hogsheads per day from the 3^d pump in Mulberry street—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, and they were also requested to consider the expediency of amending the late law so as to prohibit the cleansing of fish at the public pumps.

A Petition of Marinus Willet, stating that some time since an Ordinance was passed for widening Delancey street at the East river and that a house on the North side thereof should be removed; that said house still remains, and requesting the attention of the Corporation to the subject—was referred [160] to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Christian Brewer for appointment of Measurer of Grain, and one of John Regna for appointment to some office—were read and referred to Committee on Applications.

Petitions from Samuel Harner and John Bridle for Stalls in the Fly Market—and from Nicholas Cowen for Stall No. 12 in Centre Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Beekman, one of the heirs of Benjamin P. Beekman deceased, for payment of a sum awarded for opening and improving Roosevelt street—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Pawnbrokers, complaining of the non execution of the law against persons who are exercising the business of Pawnbrokers without having taken license—was read and referred to the Attorney.

A Remonstrance from a number of citizens [161] against the mode of executing the Dog law—was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Henry Smith for permission to assign by way of Mortgage to the Mutual Insurance Company the Lease of lot No. 2. Magazine Street—was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Albert Bogert for further time for payment of an Assessment on a lot in Bancker Street and one in Chesnut Street—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the Second Avenue between North and First Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

Petitions from N. Morss, J. Jennings, Roorbach and Mitchell and John Nexsen—praying remission of fine incurred for selling liquor without license—were severally read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Remonstrance of Sundry Boatmen and others [162] against the petition of Aaron Ogden—was read and laid until the reading of the report of the Committee on said petition.

A Petition by the Committee, on behalf of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, praying the Corporation would farther postpone the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the regulation of said Village, in order that the petitioners may have time and opportunity to examine the same—was read and the consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

A further petition of Peter L. Webb, praying he may be reimbursed for the seizure of some Loaf Bread by the Inspector on account of being light, alleging said bread was baked by contract to be sold at Harlaem and that the Inspectors of Bread are in the habit of passing light bread and not considering the same when to be sold out of the City—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition, and it was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire into the alleged practice of the Inspector of Bread.

[163] A Letter from T. C. Augustus Uz to the Recorder was read requesting permission to alter one of the Corporation Engines so as to affix thereto his newly discovered Patent Compound Lever so as to develop the power of the said Lever. Whereupon it was resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorised to permit Mr. Uz to apply his newly invented Compound Lever to one of the Corporation Fire Engines.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments—whereupon a Warrant was ordered to be issued to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for widening and improving Roosevelt Street, and a Warrant was issued to Morris. De Camp to collect the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Beach Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed:—Viz. For paving Leonard Street between [164] Elm and Orange streets and for regulating Roosevelt Street from Batavia Street to the East River, in which Abraham Baudouine, Jacob C. Mott and John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors: Also for paving Beaver Street between Broad and William Streets, in which Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company, No. 8."

William Brisco—plater—249 William—4 ward vice John S. Jenkins—Resigned.

Matthias Conklin—Carpenter—103 Fulton—2 ward—vice Thos. Morgan—deceased.

No. 17.

James Florentine, carpenter—65 Mulberry—6 ward—vice Robert Wood, Resigned.

William Anderson, Carpenter—69 Mott—6 ward vice Isaac Baptis, Resigned.

No. 19.

Francis Marschalk—Founder, 237 Bowery—10 w^{d} vice Joseph Hyde, Resigned

No. 22.

Nicoll Downs—Cartman—174 Bancker—7 ward— [165] vice William Willet—Expelled

William Martin—Shipwright—120 Harman—7 ward vice Edmund Anderson—Expelled

No. 29.

William Cranston, grocer—Hammond c. Greenwich—9 ward vice Jonathan Dyckman, deceased.

William Lake—Carpenter—Charles c. Washington—9 ward vice Moses Rolf—Resigned.

No. 31.

James H. Clark, Coach Maker—Rynder n. Grand—6 ward—vice Caleb Smith, Resigned

No. 34.

Peter P. Roome—Butcher—Bedford St. 8 ward—vice Abraham Brower—Resigned

Freeman Cole—Mechanist—Greenwich Lane—9 ward—vice Jacob Van Wart—Declined

No. 40.

Eli Traver—grocer—Mulberry n. Spring—8 ward—vice Lewis K. Henshaw—Expelled.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Nathan M^{c}Vickar	Agt.	Forsythe St.	Lot
2	John Deitz*s*	Les.	Spring St.	do
	G. Michells	Occ.		
3	Robt. Ferguson	Own.	do.	do.
	[166] F. Depeyster	Own.	do.	do
5	J. Smith	Own. & Occ.	do.	do
6	N. M^{c}Vicker	Own.	Wooster St.	do
7	P. Lorillard	do.	Laurens St.	do

8	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank.	Own.	Washington St.	Lot
	John Odel	Occ.		
9	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	Robert Morrison	Occ.		
10.	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	John Marschalk	Occ.		
11	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	George Moore	Occ.		
12	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
13.	A. Peltus	Own.	56 John St.	Privy
	E. Wheeler	Occ.		
14	L. Van Buskirk	Own.	86 Reed St.	do
	William Honey & others	Occ.		
15.	Read & Anderson	Own.	43 Mott St.	do
	D. Norcross	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[167] The Comptroller, on petition of Henry Smith for permission to assign lease of No. 2 Pearl Street by way of Mortgage to the Mutual Insurance Company, referred to him this evening, reported in favor of Petitioner—which was approved and leave given to assign the same.

The Attorney, on the petition of Joseph Green, reported:—" That a complaint was made in his Office against said Green for selling liquors without license at the foot of Spring Street. There have been other complaints of the same nature made at his Office against said Green, who does not deny selling, nor does he pretend that he has a license for so doing. " The Attorney has no reason to believe that Mr. Green's application for a license was suspended or specially laid over for consideration by his Honor the Mayor—on that subject, however, he would refer to his Honor the Mayor as the only correct source of information."

" Green has received no license to retail liquors formerly."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) A. Sherman

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

[168] He also, on the petition of Gilbert Davis, reported: " That Mr. Gilbert Davis the petitioner was complained of for selling liquor without license at the corner of Delancey and Allen Streets, the circumstances of which case appear to be as follow: Mr Davis has for some time past and still continues to keep a grocery store at No. Division Street for which place he still holds a license to retail liquors. In the course of last year he set up in business at the corner of Allen and Delancey streets a young man by the name of Coles who obtained a license to retail liquors at that place for that year, which expired in May last and was not renewed. Coles failed in business, and Mr Davis, to secure himself, took the remaining stock in trade off his hands, and put a young man in the place who proceeded on to selling and retailing liquors, as was usual, without any license having been taken out for the present year. Mr. Davis is about discontinuing business at that place, or has already done so." Respectfully submitted.

(signed) A. Sherman

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

[169] He also, on the petition of James Rogers, reported:

" The complaint against Mr. Rogers is for selling liquors at Manhattan Island without license. The circumstances attending the case of Mr. Rogers being somewhat special, are as follow:

Last year he and one parsons were in partnership and did business together under the firm of Rogers and parsons at the above mentioned place. Altho' Rogers was the principal man of the firm, the License, as has been frequently the case, was taken out in the name of parsons the other partner. Before the license had expired in the course of the last year they dissolved partnership. Rogers bought out Parsons, paid him for his half of the expence of the licenses, and was to have the benefit of the same, and continued the business in his own name. Parsons moved to another part of the City and opened a grocery Store at New Slip in company with one Jennings. In May last Parsons finding out that he could not procure license to retail liquor without producing and surrendering up the license he held for the last year, called upon Mr. Rogers and requested the loan of the old license until the next day, when he would return it. Rogers, without knowing that it would prevent him from renewing the same, let him have it. [170] Parsons proceeded with it to the Mayor's Office, got his license, gave up the old one to be cancelled and left Rogers in the lurch, who afterwards applied for a license and was refused on account of not having the former license to be given up."

(signed) Alpheus Sherman.

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Counsel presented the draught of a Law entitled "A Law to amend the law to regulate the public markets." which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Deborah Morris, Ann Smith, John Van Sice and Mary Waldron, reported:

"That as the Corporation are merely the legal agents for collecting and distributing the amount assessed for improvements in opening streets, and are bound to pay the awards of the Commissioners at the period fixed by law, they have no alternative left them except to insist on the payment of the money due from the petitioners or to advance it from funds required [171] for other purposes, which under existing circumstances is inadmissible. The Committee are of opinion, also, that in addition to the inability of the Corporation to advance money for the purposes alluded to, it would be improper, inasmuch as a precedent would be established which would tend to encourage similar applications and thereby embarrass future collections for the like purposes. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

which was approved.

The same Committee, on petition of Julia M. Lawrence, reported: "That they are unable to assign any reason why the money thus appropriated has not been set apart and vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as directed by the resolutions adopted on the occasion, and altho' they entertain doubts as to the constitutional powers of the Common Council in matters of national policy, unconnected with the immediate interests of this City they nevertheless consider the present Board bound [172] to carry into effect the liberal intentions of their predecessors, and therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

"Resolved. that the Comptroller be instructed to report a warrant for the principal and interest of the appropriation made the children of the late Captain James Lawrence, agreeably to a Resolution of the Corporation passed the 14th of September 1813, and that the same be vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Ake[r]ly
" Peter Mesier

which was unanimously agreed to.

The Special Committee, on the petition for a Bell in the Market lately erected in the Tenth Ward, reported the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to have a suitable Bell put upon said Market as soon as the same conveniently can be done."

(signed) R. Munson S. Allen
" J. B. Taylor D. Board
" S. Akerly

which was approved

[173] The Committee of Applications, on the petition of William Freeman for appointment of measurer of grain &c. reported that he was a suitable person to receive said appointment Whereupon he was appointed a Measurer of grain &c. in this City.

The same Committee, on the petition of Abel Smith, made a similar report—which was approved, and he was accordingly appointed a Measurer of grain &c. in this City.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition for a Well in Willet Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Committee of Public Offices on the petition of Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights and Measures, reported: " That they find that the City and County of New York have never obtained the sets of Weights and Measures directed to be procured by the Act of the Legislature passed the 13th March 1813. Your Committee find that there has been much irregularity and difference in the standards used to seal by, and that the measures now used [174] on the North side of the City are different dimensions to those used on the East Side, and that even the City standard half bushel is different from the State standard half bushel. Under these circumstances your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the County Sealer be authorised to procure from the Secretary of State, at the expence of this Board and under the direction of this Committee, a complete set of weights and measures, in conformity to the act of the Legislature passed the 13th March

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Steph. Allen
" Saml. Akerly

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Elm Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance for the same, which was passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Beaver Street, reported as their opinion that the same should be paved between Broad and William Streets—which was approved, [175] and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an ordinance therefor—which was passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Collister Street, reported as their opinion that the prayer should be granted and that the Street Commissioner should be directed to report an Ordinance therefor—which was approved.

The Committee of Laws, on the subject of licensing Dirt Cartmen, reported the following resolutions:

" Resolved that from and after the 15th day of October next no person shall be permitted to cart any earth or dirt within this City for hire or reward without a license for that purpose from his Honor the Mayor under the penalty of Ten dollars for each offence.

" Resolved. that the Counsel of this Board be requested to draft and prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the foregoing report."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thos. Bolton

which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an ordinance agreeably thereto.

[176] The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Thomas Morrell and others, reported: " That they have examined the condition of the said Slip and find that the water there is too shallow to admit boats of any considerable size and will require to be filled for some distance before it can be used as a public Slip, and, as it is now leased to the petitioners for several years as a landing place for their ferry, your

Committee can perceive no reason to refuse the prayer of their petition and accordingly offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that permission be granted to Thomas Morrell and his associates to sink a block or drive piles in Grand Street Slip in such manner as to afford a convenient landing place for their ferry, provided the same be done under the inspection or according to the direction of the Street Commissioner "

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Aaron Ogden, reported the following Resolution:

[177] " Resolved that the exclusive privilege of a birth be granted to Colonel Aaron Ogden for his Steam Ferry Boat at the Southwesterly side of Whitehall Slip at any place between the Ferry Stairs and the head of the said Slip from the present time until the 1st day of May 1820 on his paying therefore the sum of Fifty dollars

" Provided that in the absence of the said Boat the birth shall be free for any other vessel And provided also that the privilege hereby granted shall not be construed to authorize the said Aaron Ogden to lay up his boat in the said Slip during the winter season."

(signed) E. W. King
" John P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward, on the petition of William Van Beuren, reported. " That in their opinion the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

" Resolved that permission be granted to William Van Beuren to erect a Boat house on the East side of Pier No. 1 at the Battery under the [178] direction of the Street Commissioner."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony
" Peter Mesier
" Thos. Bolton

which was approved and the resolution proposed adopted.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen and agreed to: " Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorised to treat with Silvanus Miller Esqr. for a certain gore of ground adjoining the land belonging to him near the corner of Water Street, being 14 feet on Water Street and 161 feet deep, extending along Roosevelt Street to Front street; and that the said Committee, in the event of their being unable to treat as aforesaid, be authorised to sell the said gore of ground at public auction to the highest bidder." which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Allen also presented a Resolution directing the Comptroller to call on the Collectors of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th wards for the Tax books of the [179] years 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815 and 1816 and in the event of their refusal to report the same to the Board—which was agreed to.

Alderman Taylor presented the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for the completion of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street." Motions to refer it to the Committee on Wharves, the Committee of Finance, to postpone and to adjourn were severally made and lost. Mr. Stevens then proposed the following amendment to be added to the resolution—" As soon as the individuals interested in the Northerly side pay their proportion of the expence of the pier now building on the Northerly side of said Basin." The question being taken on agreeing to said amendment, and a division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative Ald. Mesier King Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Akerly Allen

Negative Ald. Morss, Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin

The question was then taken on the Resolution as amended and agreed to.

[180] The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that Roosevelt Street be regulated and paved from Batavia Street to the East River and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance therefor." which was agreed to, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance which was passed.

Alderman Taylor presented the following:

" Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider and report whether it would be proper to petition the Legislature at their next

Session to grant the Corporation of this City the privilege of insuring property in the City and County of New York against loss or damage by fire"—which was referred to Ald. Taylor, Munson Messrs. Stevens, Board Parker.

Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand dollars, and that the same be borrowed in such amounts as the exigencies of the Finances shall require, and at an interest not exceeding 6 per cent." which was agreed to.

[181] The Report of the Ferry Committee on the Communication of the Counsel respecting granting to D. D. Tompkins and Noah Brown the privilege of extending the Ferry House at Whitehall, which was presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration, was now called up and being read was as follows: "No inconvenience can result from increasing the size of the said Ferry House and your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution on the subject:

"Resolved that the consent of this Corporation be and the same is hereby granted to his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown to erect under the direction of the Street Commissioner a suitable Ferry house on the spot heretofore designated for that purpose. not exceeding 11 feet square and not more than 15 feet high."

(signed) E. W. King
" John P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative, the Resolution therein proposed agreed to, and the lease reported by the Counsel to D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown in relation to the Ferry was directed to be filled up agreeably to the report and executed in the recess of the Board.

[182] The report of the Committee on the subject of Weighmasters and the Resolutions on the same subject proposed by Mr. Allen on the 7th inst. were called up and read and after some discussion were referred to the same Committee with the addition of Mr. Allen.

The Reports of the Committee on the subject of the regulations of Greenwich Village were called up and the further consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 14th inst	$4050.66	
Received for rents	4641.80	
" " Streets	16800.00	
" " Fourth Street	5,200.	
" " Arrears of Tax	1400.	32,092.46

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do	413.	
Andw Van Orden—Keeper of Battery—1 month to 15th instant	45.	
Columbian Office advg Arrears of Tax	108.	
[183] Ann Payne—Awd for Roosevelt Street	4611.	
Peter Griffen— do. do	4075.	
Heirs of B. P. Beekman—Awd do.	3447.72	
Dennis H. Doyle— do. do	2866.	
John Culbert— do. do	1449.	
John Marschalk— do. do.	920.	
James Bartine— do. do.	881.	
Ann Crooker & Mary Moncrief bal. do	777.	
Jemima Conkling— Awd do.	658.02	
Heirs of J. Buchanan— do. do.	585.	
Titus & Conkling— do. do	192.48	
Jac. Lorillard—balce do. Cross St	524.06	
Steph. Weeks— do. Henry St	411.13	
John W. Oddie— do. do	372.26	
William Warner do. do.	361.13	
David West—regg & pavg Ludlow St	200.	
Peter De Baum—regg Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	3000.	
John Gallagher. on account for a Well in Vandam Street	50.	
Geo. Lovett—balce 2d Instalment—piers at Spring Street	1475.	
J. P. Roome—Superintt of repairs—for reprs Pier 13 No River—Corpn property	593.	
[184] J. McComb—Street Comr to pay for earth filling block Charlton Street	500.	
Thos. McCready—delivering Tickets—at Charlton Street	45.	
Alderman Munson—3 Casks Oil—bought of M. Crosby	208.55	
John McComb—Street Commissioner—for repairs public Roads	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of repairs—for repairs	907.	
Thomas Barnum—Superintg Wharves—24 days to 20th inst.	48.	32,048.60
	Balance	$43.86

[185] In Common Council Sept. 28. 1818.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the Bridewell reported by the Keeper with the following observations thereon:

" It is satisfactory to remark that tho' there are many criminals there are not more than a comparison with other places of equal population would give as reason to expect: and it is still more satisfactory to observe that there are but [186] few instances of crimes of a high nature and very few that mark a union of cruelty or violence and depravity. This observation is warranted not only by the present calender but by a consideration of the cases which were disposed of by the last Court of Sessions, at which there were thirty seven prisoners convicted and sentenced, most of them for inferior crimes.

It is also worthy of remark that a very great proportion of the petty offences which were brought before the Sessions were found to have originated in, or were connected with dram shops and little groceries. A great majority of the assaults and batteries were committed by persons who were heated by liquor drunk in these nurseries of vice—And in cases of petty thefts, in very many instances it was found that the thieves made these places their resort.

This view of the operation of our criminal code encourages us to hope that it may be as effectual for the prevention of crimes as the laws of other countries which are of a more sanguinary nature—tho' the crouded state of our prisons, the consequent necessity [187] for frequent pardons and want of means to employ convicts are very unfavorable to the contemplated operation of our system."

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Mayor.

which observations were directed to be entered on the Minutes.

A Request of the Commissioners of the Common School Fund for the City and County of New York for payment of their moiety to be distributed among the Schools interested was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A petition of William Paulding for permission to construct a vault in Harrison Street, was read and granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Nicholas Fiengo for relief from an assessment of a personal Tax, he being only a transient person and having rented a tenement conditionally—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[188] A petition of Christopher Merkle to hire the cellar under Duane Market for a Wheelwright's Shop, was read and referred to the Market Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Communication of Jacob Acker Inspector of Firewood for Eleventh Inspection District, stating that he has constructed an Instrument by which a Load of Firewood may be measured with great accuracy and dispatch, and requesting the same may be examined by a Committee—was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Recommendation in favor of William Herriman to be appointed a City Weigher; of John Drevvelin to be appointed an Inspector of firewood; and a petition of Abraham Cole for appointment of Measurer of grain were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of George Ireland, requesting that a part of a Brick Cistern may be extended [189] about three feet in the street at a building he is erecting corner of William and Frankfort Streets, accompanied by a Communication of the Street Commissioner stating that he had examined the premises and recommended granting the prayer of the petition—were severally read, and the petition granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, that the Sidewalks of Water Street as far as to the East of Clinton Street and that the sidewalks on the North side of Cherry Street may be paved were read, also a remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against laying the Side walks in Cherry Street East of Rutger Street—were severally read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Charles Lee, stating that he had two wooden houses within the Fire limits, that he was desirous of pulling one down and removing the other upon the foundation of the one removed, and praying permission therefor—was read and leave was given to the petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[190] A petition of Anthony Ferris for permission to sell fruit in Catharine Market: of Bridget Lyon to be permitted to continue to sell small wares at the head of the Lower Fly Market: of Abraham Pierre for permission to sell smoked beef in Fly Market: of Martin Hills and George *Evens* [Ewen] for Stall No 28 Fly Market—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Representation on the inconvenience of permitting square rigged vessels to occupy births in the public Slips to the exclusion of Market and other small craft. was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Nathan Morse for release of a judgment recovered against him for selling liquor without license and on which judgment he was now in execution and confinement in gaol, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Charlton Street that said street between Greenwich & Hudson [191] Streets may be regulated, and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants and Owners of lots in Franklin Street, praying that the Sidewalks of said Street between Elm Street and Broadway may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances. which were passed: Viz. for a Well and pump in the 2^d^ Avenue between North and First Streets, and for regulating Canal Street from the Bulkhead at Washington Street to the Easterly side of Collect Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors in the first and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong in the last.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Fourth Street and for paving Franklin Street, and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Franklin Square, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

[192] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Jac. Valentine—Blacksmith—Crosby n. Grand. 6 ward vice Oliver Knapp Resigned

No. 37.

Francis Ennis, Rope Maker, Stanton c. Norfolk—10 w^{d} vice James Woods—Resigned.

David Knapp. Rope Maker—Rivington St. 10 w^{d} vice Frederick Castine Deceased

No. 39.

William Akers, Taylor—225 Greenwich St. 3 ward vice Chs. D. Stonehouse—Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed.

1	And. Stockholm	Own.	508 Pearl St.	Lot
2	Corn^{s} J. Bogert	do.	do. do	do
3	G. M^{c}Kay	do.	Cross & Mulberry	Privy
	C. Schanck	Occ.		
4	G. M^{c}Kay	Own.	104 Cross	do
	R. F. Williams	Occ.		
5.	A. W. Hardenbrook	Own.	37 Lombardy	do
	G. Addison	Occ.		
6	T. Griffen	Own.	88 Read	do
	H. Mahan	Occ.		
	[193] J. M^{c}Koy	Own.	41 Henry St.	do
	G. Miller	Occ.		
8	B. Birdsall	Own.	35 Anthony St.	do
	L. Chasey	Occ.		

The Counsel presented a Lease to Aaron Ogden for a Birth for a Steam Boat on the West side of Whitehall Slip which was directed to be duly executed.

The Attorney stated that complaints had been made to him against Franc*i*[e]s Hammelin Innkeeper for permitting gambling in her house. Whereupon the Attorney was directed to commence a prosecution against her for the forfeiture thereby incurred.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, presented a report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred so much of the observations of his Honor the Mayor as related to the confinement of Slaves in the City Prison or Bridewell, reported: "That by an Ordinance of the Board passed in 1812 the Keeper [194] of the City Prison was authorized to receive Slaves by a Warrant from a Magistrate on condition that the Master or mistress should deposit a sum sufficient for their maintenance during their confinement. In the subsequent revision of the Laws this Ordinance was not renewed, and of course expired under the act of limitation of Corporation Laws. Your Committee can now find no existing law by which this practice is continued unless it is drawn from the late resolution of the Board which delegates no authority for Commitment but merely provides for their maintenance during confinement. Your Committee has no doubt but that the resolution referred to was predicated on the supposition that a power of commitment existed under some other law and that it was not the intention of the Board to create that power by the Resolution. In reference to the Law of the State passed in 1817 concerning the emprisonment of Apprentices and servants who refuse to serve their masters, your Committee can find nothing in relation to the subject, it relating to servants made free after 28 years of age and not slaves, so that the practice which [195] has grown out of the ordinance of 1812 has since its expiration continued without authority in so shameful and oppressive a degree that it has become common to receive the already miserable slave in our Bridewell without a commitment or complaint but merely the assertion of oppressive tyranny or the wanton desire of hardened cruelty. The mere will of a petty despot not only established a crime, but was the fiat of punishment. It is not the province of your Committee to express an opinion respecting the right by which one fellow creature holds in bondage the liberty of another, enslaving the mind as well as body. Your Committee are not called upon to defend or condemn the strange anomaly between that natural and indefeasible charter of man expressed in our Declaration of Independence and the fact of the existence of slavery under a constitution solemnly erected on this basis—But your Committee cannot abstain from expressing their abhorrence of a practice which consigns a fellow creature to the punishment of a malefactor for no other crime than the misfortune of being a Slave. The prisons of this commonwealth were erected for the punishment and prevention of crimes affecting the whole. Private [196] grievances are, in almost every instance redressed by private actions, and your Committee can see no good reason for adding to the catalogue of evils attending the unfriended slave the infamous punishment of a common felon for a private offence, at times so trivial that it is only conceived from the circumstance of his being a slave.

Your Committee cannot perceive that any injury can arise to masters by prohibiting their commitment to the public prison; at least the inconvenience cannot equal the injustice of a criminal punishment without trial and the inconvenience of crouding the prison already too much inhabited by felons. In all cases the power of the master over the slave is sufficiently ample to enable him to confine him for domestic offences in his own house, and this in the opinion of your Committee will answer every end, and is scope enough for domestic tyranny to exercise under the sanction of law. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

" Resolved that the Keeper of the Bridewell be instructed not to receive in his [197] custody any person without a regular commitment according to Law for some public Crime expressed in the Warrant of Commitment, and that henceforth the practice of receiving slaves for safe keeping be abolished—That if any slave or slaves be in custody for safe keeping without a commitment from some magistrate duly authorised, notice shall be given to the owner or owners of such slave or slaves to receive him, her or them in their custody in three days thereafter, or that he, she or they will be discharged, and at the expiration of such time, in case of non compliance on the part of the owner or owners, said keeper is hereby commanded to discharge such slave or slaves."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved, and the resolution therein proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Jonathan Carlton, reported: " That having taken the opinion of the Chief Engineer on the subject, who examined the same and who represents the facts in the petition to be true and that the Building is [198] strictly agreeable to law—they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution

" Resolved that the Suit by this Board against Jonathan Carlton be discontinued without costs." respectfully submitted

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved

The Street Committee, on the petition for widening Washington Street, reported:

" That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; Therefore offer the following resolution:

"Resolved. that Washington Street from Courtlandt Street to the property of Edward Bardin's be widened to fifty feet, and that the Counsel take necessary steps to have the same carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was agreed to.
and the resolution proposed agreed to.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips. on the petition of Niobe Minturn, reported:

[199] "That agreeably to a report of the Finance Committee. sometime since, which was approved by the Board, Messrs. Minturn and Champlin were to have a grant for the water in front of their property between Dover and Roosevelt Streets on the same terms as Doctor Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew, Viz. at one dollar a foot and paying 13 years arrears of rent to 1st May 1818 and 12 years interest on the same.

"As the memorialist appears to be the present owner of the property described in this Memorial, the Committee would recommend that the Counsel should be directed to prepare a grant on the same terms as above mentioned."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Samuel Stevens
" Robert McQueen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

which was approved and on motion it was resolved that the Counsel prepare a grant agreeably thereto.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Patten, reported:

"That agreeably to [200] a report of the Finance Committee some time since, which was approved by the Board, Messrs. Minturn and Champlin were to have a grant for the water in front of their property between Dover Street and Roosevelt Street, on the same terms as Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew, viz. at one dollar a foot and paying 13 years arrears of rent to 1st May 1818 and 12 years rent on the same.

"As Mr. Patten appears to be the present owner of the property described in his Memorial, the Committee would recommend that he receive a grant on the same terms and that the Counsel be directed to prepare one accordingly."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Samuel Stevens
" Robert McQueen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

which was approved and it was resolved that the Counsel prepare a grant agreeably thereto.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and Comptroller, to whom was referred the report of the Counsel of the 22d December 1817 on the [201] petition of James Striker and wife, presented a report.

The Report of the Counsel was as follows:

" The Counsel of the Board herewith respectfully submits a surrender of a grant of a Water-lot by James Striker and Mary his wife, which lot was several years since granted by the Corporation to him. The Surrender was prepared by the late Counsel of the Board and has been duly executed and acknowledged by Mr. Striker and his wife, who represents that in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen the Corporation agreed to accept the surrender and release him from the payment of the rents in arrear. The Counsel has not been able to find in the Minutes the Order of the Board upon the subject, tho' he has no doubt that such an order was made. Mr. Striker declines paying the rents which have accrued since the order was made. The counsel now submits the Deed for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is the pleasure of the Board that it shall be accepted and Mr. Striker released from the payment of all the rents in arrear."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

The Report of the Committee was as follows:

" That the Surrender of the Water grant, made to James Striker on the 10th August 1804, [202] be accepted and he released from the payment of all rents in arrear. Mr. Striker's deed accompanying this has been executed and acknowledged and it is recommended that the Comptroller should have it recorded and then filed in his office, and that Mr. Striker's account be closed on the books."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Saml. Stevens
" Robt. Mc Queen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

Whereupon it was resolved that the Board accept the surrender of the Water grant offered to them by Mr. Striker and that the Comptroller cause the same to be filed and Mr. Striker's account closed.

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Terence Tifany, reported:

" That as the Board have passed a resolution on the subject of the Dirt Cartmen which will probably prevent future applications of this nature, and as the Committee believe the facts stated in the petition, they [203] offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the fine within mentioned be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen

It was moved to strike out from the report " on payment of costs " which was agreed to and the report as amended was adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Graham and others, reported: " That as the Board at their last meeting passed a resolution which it is hoped will prevent further difficulty on the subject of Cartmen employed in removing dirt, and as your Committee believe the facts stated in the petition they offer the following resolution.

" Resolved that the fine within mentioned be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

whereupon it was moved to strike from the report the words " on payment of costs " which was agreed to and the report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Counsel, agreeably to the orders of the Board at the last meeting, reported [204] a Law to amend a Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to:

" Whereas the Supreme Court did at the last term confirm the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed for opening and improving Anthony Street between Collect and Orange Streets—And by a Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature this Common Council is empowered to suspend the opening and improving any street for such time as they shall think proper, not exceeding 15 months after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners &c. Wherefore

" Resolved that the opening of Anthony Street between Collect and Orange Streets be suspended until the 1st day of May next, at which time the buildings and incumbrances shall be removed and the Collection of the Assessment commence."

Mr. Allen presented the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be authorized to invest the a- [205] mount granted by the Corporation to the children of the late Captain James Lawrence in such securities, bearing an interest, as in their opinion shall be most advisable: provided, however, that said investment shall not impair the claim of the surviving child, at the time of her arrival at the age of eighteen years, to the whole amount of money appropriated, including the interest, in conformity to the true tenor and spirit of the resolutions on that subject passed September 1813." which was agreed to.

Mr. Allen presented also the following resolutions:

" Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to enquire whether it is expedient to repave the Bowery and regulate the sidewalks of the same from its intersection with Chatham Square to Broome Street, and also to regulate and pave the remainder extending from Broome Street aforesaid to Art Street, and if in their opinion it shall be deemed necessary and expedient, that they be instructed to report an Ordinance accordingly, to take effect as early in the spring of 1819 as may be.

" Resolved that the said Committee be instructed to take into consideration also whether [206] it is proper, under all the circumstances, that a part of the expence of paving said Street, should be paid by the Corporation and that they report their opinion to the Board accordingly." which were agreed to.

A Resolution extending the time for the New York and Brooklyn Steam Boat Company to place on the Ferry a Team Boat, was presented and being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

Alderman Underhill presented a Resolution which was agreed to in the words following:

" Resolved that the Comptroller of this Board be requested to call upon the Clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church for a Grant by said Church of ground between Washington and Greenwich streets for a Market place."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 21st inst	43.86	
Received for Streets	2600.	
" " Fourth Street	900.	
" " Wells and Pumps	250.38	
Loan of Mechanics' Bank authd 21 ins	8000.	11,794.24

[207] Accounts Audited.

W. J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr—1 mo. 1st Octr	52.	
Obadh Ayres— do do	52.	
Saml Hutchings—St. Inspr do	52.	
Astin & Cochrane, Messengers— do	60.	
T. & J. Swords—Laws & Maps, Members Board	357.96	
Edd Greaves—Watchman—Witness—Vs J. Mills. 16 ins	2.	
Sarah G. Beekman—Awd Roosevelt St	7717.	
Ann Payne— do do balce	454.18	
Chs. Mooney—regg Collect Street	500.	
Thomas Rich—Award for Henry St	482.23	
Jas. Vincent—reg. Barrow St	200.	
Jac. Lorillard—bal. Awd for Cross St	125.94	
Henry Voorhies—1st Instt Well—Mott St	67.73	
Robt Pettigrew—bal. Well—Beach St	29.35	
Geo. Snethen—Sup. & light. lamps—1 mo. 1 Oct	763.34	
Hill & Ayres—fillg Dey St. Basin	500.	
Jno. Mullanphy—1 year's rent wharf Courtlandt St. 1 Aug. 1818	300.	11,715.73
	Balance	$78.51

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[208] In Common Council Oct. 5. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Effingm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of William Pasman for a Stall in Spring Street Market and a petition of Mary Jones for a Huckster's Stand in one of the Markets—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Ebenezer Allen, stating that a prosecution had been commenced against him for encumbering the Street with an Anchor [209] which Anchor was not the property of petitioner, and praying said Suit may be discontinued—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Caleb Sutton for appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and granted and petitioner accordingly appointed.

A petition of David Dunham, in behalf of himself and others interested in the Ferry at the foot of Delancey Street, praying permission to erect at the gateway of the bridge two small lodges or one story buildings to accommodate the Ferry Master and persons waiting for a passage, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of Sundry Pawnbrokers, stating infractions of the law respecting pawnbrokers according to their construction of the law—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Request from the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening Varick Street, to be furnished with a profile of the intended regulation of said street [210] from the North side of Vandam Street to the centre of Hamersly Street was read and ordered that the Street Commissioner furnish the profile requested.

A further petition of Joseph Tremain for appointment of Weighmaster, was read and laid on the Table.

A petition of a number of persons licensed as Dirt Cartmen, praying an alteration in the late Law amending the Law respecting Cartmen so as to authorize them to cart stones used in building, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that Beach Street may be paved and the side-walks laid was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Allen for remission of fine incurred by encumbering the street with Firewood was read and the fine remitted on payment of Cost.

A petition of Eliza Norman, William Norman [211] and Eveline Norman, Infants, by Eliphalet Wheeler their guardian, was presented, stating that they are heirs of John Norman deceased, that there has been awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate on opening Fourth Street to said petitioners and to John Norman their brother and Ann Dally, Wife of Abraham Dally sister of petitioners, the sum of Seven thousand five hundred dollars, and praying that the portion of said Sum belonging to petitioners may be deposited with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, in order that petitioners may apply to said Court in the ensuing October term for a disposition of the same agreeably to law. A similar petition from Abraham Dally and Ann his Wife, by Eliphalet Wheeler Guardian of said Ann Dally his wife, formerly Ann Norman, and one of the heirs of said John Norman, stating the interest of said Ann to one fifth of said award of Commissioners and praying the same may be paid into the Supreme Court—were read and referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel with authority to comply with the requests of said petitioners.

The Comptroller, reported respecting a Deed from Trinity Church for ground for a Market in [212] Christopher Street as follows: "That, agreeably to a Resolution passed at the last meeting, he called on the Clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church and obtained the draft of a deed of cession for a piece of ground on the Southerly side of Christopher Street between Greenwich and Washington Streets for a Market. A Blank is left in this Deed, to be filled with the breadth of a passage way which is to be left open for public accommodation on the Southerly side of the Market house. As the vegetable Market place, together with the building, will occupy 30 feet, there will remain 20 feet of the ground ceded for a Street. It is respectfully recommended that the blank should be filled accordingly, and that the Counsel of the Board should prepare a Counterpart and have the regular conveyances executed and exchanged."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker (Compt.)
Comptroller.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Deed be referred to the Market Committee to fill up the Blanks and that the said Deed be accepted and entered on record.

[213] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 3.

John F. Miller—Carver—Moore c. Water Sts. 1 ward—vice John Shedden—removed

No. 41

Henry Lake—Butcher—Broome c. Sheriff—10th ward—vice Richard Funnell—resigned

Joseph Mills—Cartman—Cannon n. Delancey 10 w^d vice Charles Garret removed

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and repaving Depeyster Street from Water Street to South Street which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on an Assessment for widening Spring Street—whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Vandam Street and for one in Mott Street near Chatham Street. which was confirmed and Morris [214] D. Camp appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances—which were passed

1	C. Debevoise	Own.	91 Chapel St.	Privy
	J. Webb & A. Jennings	Occ.		
2	Mr. Smith	Own.	25 Oak St.	do.
	Jas. Grant	Agt.		
	L. Carroll	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented Two Deeds to Elbert Anderson, one for a Triangular piece of ground fronting Chamber Street and the other for a Lot of ground fronting on the same Street—which were directed to be duly executed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the remonstrance of a number of persons, owners of landed Estates lying in the Village of Greenwich, made a report on the 7th of September which was laid, and now being called up and read was as follows:

" The regulation of this Village from [215] its vicinity to the City is a subject of great public importance, as it soon will become united to and make a component part of the thickly populated part of the City. It is also a subject of much individual interest to the proprietors on whom the burden of the regulation falls. Your Committee have therefore given this subject their particular consideration: they have personally inspected and viewed the ground, they have examined the Maps and models, they have heard the gentlemen remonstrating, their Surveyor and their Counsel, and if the plan which your Committee herein recommend should hereafter be found not to have been the best possible one which might have been adopted, your Committee will only have to regret the want of experience and information on a subject of this nature which may have led them to a wrong conclusion.

"The part of the Village of Greenwich which is the subject of the regulation lies principally between Herring Street (which may be termed the natural ridge or backbone of this part of the village) and the high ground at and near Broadway. The Water east of Herring Street naturally descends in a direction from the Hudson, forms the Streams called the Minetta, flows parallel [216] with the river, then circuitously, discharging themselves into the Hudson. The ground covered by the Minetta Streams, as well as considerable lands adjacent, lies too low to be improved for agricultural purposes, much less for the purpose of building on, to constitute the part of a populous City. A considerable part of the land, however affected by the regulation, lies sufficiently high for all the purposes of building, but requires to be raised to give its water the necessary descent, whether it is discharged over the surface of the Streets or thro' Sewers: but as Sewers require less descent to carry off water than the surface of streets, it results that the farther the Sewer is extended into this Village the less filling in will be required—and on this subject (the extension of the Sewer) has arisen the difference of opinion existing between the major part of the proprietors and the Street Commissioner in relation to the plan remonstrated against. This plan raised Asylum Street and made the water west of that Street flow directly into the Hudson and extended the Sewer to Carmine Street, making the Sewer about Two thousand six [217] hundred and eighty feet. As the water by this plan has to be carried over Streets to the Mouth of the Sewer at Carmine Street, it results that the ground has to be very considerably raised in many places to give the Streets the necessary descent. The raising of the ground, and the plan itself of the Street Commissioners, is, in the opinion of your Committee, the best plan which could have been projected to render the Surface of this village suitable to build on, yet it is to be regretted that the low value of property in the village and i[t]s total present unproductiveness should have made many of the proprietors unwilling that a plan should be adopted which would carry with it so extensive and permanent advantages, tho' it must be admitted that these advantages would have been purchased at very considerable expence but by no means at so great an expence as has been frequently stated in formal memorials and petitions where correctness of information is certainly expected from gentlemen possessing character and reputation in the community. That the Board may form an opinion of the real expence of raising the surface of this land your Committee state:

"That from most of the Streets west of Asylum Street which were regulated the last season, there [218] was a large quantity of Surplus earth taken away and which might have been used to fill in the lots and regulate the Streets of this village at an expence of from 4 to 8 cents per load.

"The plan herein after mentioned will produce more surplus ground than the present plan, and your Committee are confident in the opinion that the removal and filling-in will be done at an expence of at least from 6 to 12½ cents per load: and your Committee further confidently state that from 10 to 12½ cents per load are the highest prices which have been given this season for earth within threefourths of a mile of this situation.

"Your Committee nevertheless recommend a partial alteration of the present plan. In doing so they have been influenced by a desire to meet the views and opinions of the proprietors who have remonstrated, and to lessen the expence of filling in as much as is consistent with the proper raising and regulating the low lands and carrying off the water of this village—and your Committee think that even the proposed plan should not be carried into execution until a large ma- [219] jority of the proprietors wish the village regulated. By this delay the property will become more valuable and the proprietors consequently better enabled to pay the necessary Assessments.

"The plan, or alteration of the present plan, which your Committee recommend, is that the Sewer, to discharge the water from this Village, be laid thro' Clarkson, Carmine Street and the Sixth Avenue to about where Factory Street intersects the said Avenue, making the surface of the Sixth Avenue at this point about Thirteen feet above high water mark. This alteration will extend the Sewer from Carmine Street Eight hundred and forty feet, and will make the whole length of the Sewer Three thousand seven hundred feet, and will allow a descent on the bottom of the Sewer of about 2¾ of an inch for every hundred feet.

"By this regulation the present surface of the ground at the intersection of the Sixth Avenue, Christopher Street and Greenwich Lane will be about a proper height; the Sixth Avenue will have an ascent of 7½ inches on one hundred feet from the Sewer to Seventeenth Street, where the present surface is of a suitable height, between which and Twenty second Street the ground is so situated as to allow the water to [220] be conveyed directly to the North River, with some deep digging between the Eighth Avenue and the River; but the Surplus earth will be required between the Sixth Avenue and Broadway or to fill in along the river, when the wharfing out to the Channel is undertaken. According to this plan all the Streets below Seventeenth Street will at the Sixth Avenue be depressed, which will increase the ascent to Broad way to about Ten inches on one hundred feet. The line will then rise at Ten inches on the hundred feet from the Sixth Avenue for four hundred feet, and then descend in a regular line to the North river.

" To prevent the lake or pond mentioned in the remonstrance, your Committee find that it was proposed to form a temporary drain to convey the Manetta Water to the intended Sewer, and which will be indispensible until the whole of the regulation is completed as far north as Twenty first street. A permanent culvert may therefore (if then thought proper) be constructed to receive the water of the East branch of the Manetta, which will tend to reduce the quantity [221] of filling in at that point, which will be a saving for the present: but your Committee are of opinion that the best plan will be to convey the water in a direct line from Broad Way to the Sixth Avenue.

" Your Committee have also paid particular attention to the manner in which Asylum Street has been regulated, with a view to reduce the height if practicable; but on examining the different elevations they do not find that it can be now done to advantage, for if the water is carried to Greenwich Lane and from thence to the Sewer the descent will not exceed Fourteen inches on the hundred feet and varies to seven and an half in proportion to the distance the different Streets are from the Sixth Avenue. Taking into view the situation of the property to the Southward and Eastward, the water of which now goes into the River, they are of opinion it would be unadvisable to reduce the present height of Asylum Street and thereby discharge considerable water, now falling to the Southward and West of it into the Sewer.

" By this plan the highest point on Greenwich Lane will be between Hammond and Bank Streets, where it will be about Six feet [222] above the present surface, which will allow a descent of 7½ inches on One hundred feet from this point to the Sewer, and the same to Thirteenth Street—The length of the Sewer being determined and also the height of Sixth Avenue, Asylum, Seventeenth Street and Broadway, of course all the intervening Streets must be made to conform.

" Your Committee therefore recommend that the Street Commissioner be directed to make an exact plan and model in conformity to this report, that the proprietors may know the heights and levels agreed upon by the Corporation."

(signed) G. Buckmaster Jac. B. Taylor
" Steph. Allen Saml. Stevens
" Geo. B. Thorp Saml. Akerly
" Jno. Morss E. W. King

whereupon Mr. Allen presented the following resolution, which was agreed to:

" Resolved that the general plan of the report of the Committee on the subject of regulating the Village of Greenwich be adopted, and that the Street Commissioner prepare a model conformable thereto.

[223] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Resolution on the subject of treating with Silvanus Miller for a gore of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street, reported: " That said gore is 14 feet front on Water Street and 161 feet deep, extending to a point on Front Street, and was assessed by the Commissioners for widening said Street at 2556 dollars and 3 cents. The Committee are informed that according with a mutual understanding on the subject Mr. Miller was to possess the gore alluded to on his paying the amount which it would be assessed by the Commissioners: and from the following extract of a report made the 3d day of February 1818 and adopted by the Board, it will appear that an arrangement of the kind alluded to was actually agreed upon by Mr. Miller and a Committee of this Board:

" And that it (Roosevelt Street) be straightened from Water to " Front Street, as shewn on the plan " which will tend to lessen the " expence, as Silvanus Miller, who owns the property on the Westerly " side is willing to take the triangular piece of ground that will then " be left between his property and the proposed line of the Street at " a fair valuation."

[224] The Committee have but one opinion on this subject, which is that Mr. Miller ought immediately to comply with the agreement thus entered into, and to effect this object they propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to call upon Silvanus Miller Esqr. requesting that he will pay the amount assessed on a certain gore of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street and receive a Quit claim from the Corporation for the same.

" The Committee beg leave farther to state that the Commissioners have also assessed on the ground under water in front of the property of Mr. Miller 600 dollars and 47 cents, and on that in front of the property of John Agnew 455 dollars and 39 cents to be paid by the Corporation; neither Miller or Agnew having obtained a grant for said ground. The Committee are not aware that any reason can be assigned why the Corporation should pay the Assessments on this property, particularly as a part of it is now occupied and built on by the owners of the land in front and as grants from the Corporation may be obtained by these gentlemen at any time on the [225] usual terms. They therefore recommend on this subject the passage of the following resolutions:

" Resolved that the Comptroller request Silvanus Miller and John Agnew to pay the amount assessed on the ground under water in front of their property near Roosevelt Street for widening said Street, and that they be farther requested to take out their Water grants for said property forthwith.

" Resolved that the Comptroller report to the Board the results on the foregoing resolutions, in order that further steps, if necessary, may be taken by the Corporation in the premises."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to. The Report of the Finance Committee, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the application of S. Miller respecting a Water grant which was presented on the Twenty second of December 1817 and laid on the Table was now called up and referred to the Finance Committee.

[226] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the application of the City Dispensary for payment of the Donation to the Vaccine Department, reported:

" That the donation alluded to was granted on certain conditions to be performed by the Trustees of the Institution, as will appear from the annexed extract from the report of the Committee on that subject.

" The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Clerk furnish the Trustees of the City Dispensary with a copy of the report on the subject of vaccination adopted by this Board on the 16th of March 1818, with a request that the provisions therein contained may be complied with on their part."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson.
" Saml. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

[227] The Chairman of the Special Committee, to whom was referred a report and certain Resolutions on the subject of Weighmasters, presented a Report, which, not being signed by a Majority of the Committee, was considered irregular. Mr. Allen then proposed the following Resolutions and rates for weighing, which having been read and considered were agreed to: Viz.

"Resolved that the number of Weighmasters appointed by the Common Council shall not exceed Twenty five.

"Resolved that a suitable person, being one of the Weighmasters, shall be appointed by this Board a Weighmaster general for the City and County of New York: That it shall be the duty of the Weighmaster general to provide and keep an office in a central part of the City, and attend said office daily at the usual hours of business to receive applications for weighing, direct the Weighmasters to the performance of their duty, and apportion the business among them in rotation, agreeably to a regular list of their names to be furnished by the Clerk of the Common Council for that purpose, in the first instance, and afterwards as they shall make their returns to the office. He shall copy the returns of the several [228] Weighmasters in a Book to be provided for the purpose, to which all persons interested may have free access at all reasonable times; which returns, when so copied, shall be carefully examined by the Weigher who has performed the service and signed by him. In the event of any of the Said Weighmasters refusing or neglecting to perform their duty or being guilty of any mal practice in office or other improper conduct, he shall report the facts and circumstances of the case to the Common Council, to the end that such delinquent may be removed from office. He shall, at the expence of the owner thereof, cause all scales and weights used by the said Weighmasters to be carefully adjusted on or before the first day of   in each year, and oftener if necessary. He shall report in writing to the City Inspector once in every three months the total amount of receipts by the several Weighmasters. In case of sickness or inability to perform his said duties, he shall appoint one of the Weighmasters to act in his stead, who shall be entitled to the fees of said Office during such attendance. He shall be entitled to receive for his said [229] services and for defraying the expence of Office rent and other incidental charges Five per cent on the whole amount of receipts by the Several Weighmasters, to be paid him on making their returns to the office.

" Resolved that each Weighmaster shall, at his own expence, keep one good and sufficient scales and weights, and shall weigh no article unless the application for that purpose has been first made to the Office and instructions received from the Weighmaster general accordingly. They shall make regular and true returns of their bills to the Office, in order to their being recorded, and the fees of the Weighmaster general promptly paid. They shall be entitled to demand and receive the following fees, the one half to be paid by the buyer and the other half by the Seller; but the employer shall be liable for the payment thereof in the first instance: that is to say

	For Weighing
Anchors 12 cwt. and under	12½ cts. per cwt.
do. from 12 to 20 cwt	18¾ cts. per cwt.
do. above 20 cwt	25 cts. per cwt.
Cables under 25 cwt	18¾ cts. per cwt.
do. from 25 & under 30 cwt	20 cts. per cwt.
do. 30 cwt. and upwards	25 cts. per cwt.
[230] Old Rigging, Junk, Copper Brass, old Iron, Cassia in Bundles, Cork Wood, glue, Deerskins loose, Moss and Oakum loose	12½ cts. per cwt.
Cheese when loose, Fish do. Fruits, Almonds, Twine, Drugs and Dye Stuffs, Hollow Ware, Brazil sugar in boxes, Bolts, Sheet Lead, Sheets of Copper, Brass or Zinc, Brazilette Wood, Carrots or Rolls of Tobacco, Iron Wire when unpacked	5 cts. per cwt.
Hemp, Flax, Hides, Nicargua Wood	4 cts. per cwt.
Rolls of Hempen Yarns	25 cts. per roll.
Butter, Lard, Tobacco in Kegs or Firkins, Ceroons of Tobacco, Kegs of Raisins, Nails and Spikes in kegs	4 cts. per keg or Ceroon.
Cotton in Bales, Deer & other peltry in packs or bundles, Bundles of Hay, Wool, Feathers, and Rags in bales, Moss and Oakum in bales or packs	10 cts. per pack, bale, bundle or bag.
Hogsheads of Tobacco	37½ cts. per hhd.
Tea, Bohea, per chest	20 cts.
[231] Teas, Bohea, per half chest	10 cents
Quarter chests of Bohea and all other chests of Tea	per chest or package 5 cts.

	For Weighing	
Cassia and Rhubarb in chests and Indigo Ceroons	6	cents each.
do. in Boxes—per Box	12½	cents.
Pig Iron, Plaster and Burr Stones	2	cts. per cwt.
Stills, Worms & Cabouses under 10 cwt	18	cts. per cwt.
do. from 10 to 20 cwt	25	cts. per cwt.
do. over 20 cwt	25	cts. per cwt.
All other goods, Wares & articles not before enumerated	2½	cts. per cwt.

The Weighmaster to have a right to charge one Dollar when they remove their scales, provided the Weighing does not amount to that sum.

" Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to draft an Ordinance in conformity with the principles of the foregoing Resolutions, combining all that part of the present law necessary and consistent and introducing a clause repealing the remainder."

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Abraham Cole for appointment of Measurer of Grain, reported in his favor and he was accordingly appointed to that office.

[232] The Street Committee, on the petition for paving part of Franklin Street, Reported:

" That they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Sidewalks in Franklin Street from Elm Street to Broadway be regulated and paved and that the Street [Commissioner] prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) J. B. Taylor: S. Parker
" Jno. Morss. L. Kip.

which was approved, and the Resolution proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Charlton Street reported the following Resolution:

" That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."
which was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition for widening Market Street, reported:

" That in the opinion of the Committee the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.

" It is proposed by the petitioners that said [233] Street be widened Ten feet on each side making it Sixty feet, instead of forty its former width. It appears that Colonel Rutgers and others, the owners of the principal property in that street, have sold a number of lots and leased others upon which substantial fireproof buildings have been erected, and that in conveying the said property ten feet in front have been thrown out into the Street, and they are willing in widening the said Market Street to convey to the Corporation the Ten feet in front of all their lots as well as those which have been leased or sold. But it farther appears that certain articles of agreement between Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker and others, binding each other to throw out Ten feet in front of their lots on both sides of Market Street for the purpose of widening the same, and never after to claim the same. A Map comporting with this agreement has been filed in the Street Commissioner's Office, and the agreement itself has been "Recorded in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York in Lib: No. 107 of Conveyances &c. of page 301; on the Eigth day of August 1814"—but this Instrument is not satisfactory, inasmuch as the title to the ground thrown out and to be thrown out is not vested in the Corporation. Your Committee, however, un- [234] derstand that Colonel Rutgers Anna Banker and others of that family are willing to make a satisfactory conveyance of the Ten feet in front of all their lots fronting on Market Street. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Counsel to the Board take the necessary steps to vest in the Corporation the Ten feet in front of all lots on Market Street which Colonel Henry Rutgers and others may be willing to cede for the purpose of widening said Street.

"Resolved that when the aforesaid cession shall be made satisfactory to the Counsel, he be and is hereby directed to take the necessary steps by an application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to widen Market Street to Sixty feet by taking Ten feet in front of the several lots on each side and to extend the widening of said Street from Cherry Street to Harman Street."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" S. Akerly: S Parker
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolutions proposed adopted.

[235] A Resolution was passed directing a Warrant for Four hundred Dollars to be reported in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Health for payment of the accounts of the said Establishment.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution, directing the purchase of a Lot of ground on which to place the Engine House now standing in Canal Street, which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to report.

Mr. Allen presented the following: which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for the unfinished part of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street: provided such contract shall be made at a price not exceeding the rate per foot to be paid for that part of said Basin already completed; and provided farther that the Corporation shall not be bound to pay the amount of such contract before the month of June ensuing."

He also presented the following—which was agreed to:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to take into consideration the propriety of continuing the several Constables & Marshalls [236] assigned to attend the Police Office the extra allowance of pay for services rendered by direction of the Special Justices, agreeably to a Report of a Committee adopted by the Common Council the 3d day of February 1812: and that said Committee report to the Board as early as may be."

Alderman Munson presented the following—which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate for the Market place between Crane Wharf and Fulton Street be and are hereby ordered and directed to make a just and equitable estimate of the value of the benefit and advantage to the respective Owners, Lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises which the said Commissioners may deem to be benefitted by and in consequence of erecting upon the said premises a public Market; in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed March 14. 1817, authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain lands."

[237] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 28th Septr	78.51	
Recd for Rents	2588.85	
" " Tax of 1818—2d & 6th wards	2800.	
" " Tavern Licenses	132.20	
" " Mayoralty fees	130.	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	894.	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
" " Streets	1941.39	8664.95

Accounts Audited.

Anderson and Walton—Watch	1st dist.	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark	do. 2d do.	682.50
Bleakley & Brower.	do. 3d do.	413.

Ogden Edwards—Counsel—Salary—one quarter to 27th August	125.	
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—one month to 1st instant	52.	
Danl. H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field one month 1st inst.	45.	
Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park—one month—1st instant	45.	
John Bedient—Coroner's Fees—one quarter to 1st instant	661.71	
Samuel R. Romaine—completing Tax Books of 1818	400.	
[238] Columbian Office—6 mo. subscript. 1 ins	75.	
Geo. Bowen—Carriage hire to Bellevue 1 ins	27.	
Ald. Munson—for 14 Casks of Oil—bought of Matthew Crosby	807.45	
N. Comstock—5 Casks oil	478.	
Jac. Hays—Officers extra service Police Office—1 qr. 26th Augt.	258.83	
Robt. Pettigrew—1st instalt Well—Spring St	37.12	
Hugh Smith—acct. paving Water St	400.	
do. do. reguls Leonard St	250.	
Terence Tiffany on acct. Sheriff St	200.	
Jno. Stanley—acct. reguls Bond St	200.	
Hugh Smith—act pavs Bowling Green St	150.	
Abraham Herring—Awd for Henry St	65.50	
Joel Post & others—bal. Awd Bancker St	10.50	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. reprs. for Lamp Departt	100.	
do. do. for repairs	125.	
do. repg docks—East River	900.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' house	1000.	8651.36
	Balance	$13.59

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[239] In Common Council Oct. 12. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Samuel Evans, stating his desire of placing a Horseboat on the Ferry at the foot of Walnut Street granted to him, and praying, to enable him to support the additional expence attending the same, that his lease may be extended to the period given to Catharine Slip Ferry and Brooklyn Ferry, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

[240] A Petition that that part of the City North of the Southern boundary of lands laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads and East of the Bowery Road may be permanently regulated and such regulation adapted to the Elevation and descent of the Streets and Avenues adjacent thereto—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition that First Street may be regulated from the Bowery to the First Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with authority to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Communication from Mr. John Griscom, dated in Paris 15th 8th month (August) and addressed to Thomas R. Smith Esquire and by him communicated to the Board, being on the subject of constructing Market houses, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joshua Jones and Son for permission to store Hemp at No. 105 Front Street and No. 3 Jones Lane—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and [241] Chief Engineer, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Communication to the Mayor from Robert Taylor on the subject of cleansing the Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Complaint of Sundry Guagers of a combination between certain Guagers and the State Inspector of Domestic Distilled Spirits injurious to the Guagers of the City in general, was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of Weighmasters.

A Petition of Nevinsen Grenard for remission of penalty incurred under an Ordinance relative to a nuisance, was read & granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Gurdon Manwaring for appointment of Weighmaster was read & referred to Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Hanford, stating that he has been prosecuted in the name of the Commissioners of the Alms' House for violation of the Law of the State passed in 1817 prohibiting the bringing any Pauper into the State, that the person allowed to be brought in his vessel was taken back again, and praying [242] remission of fine, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' house and Attorney with authority to remit the penalty.

A Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of the City appointing a Committee to take measures for supporting the character of the Wheat and Flour of this State, communicated to the Corporation for their cooperation therein, was read and the following Committee were appointed to write and confer with said Committee of the Chamber of Commerce: Viz Ald^{n} Mesier Ald^{n} Van Amringe Mr. Board Ald. Thorp Ald. Munson

A Remonstrance against assessing the benefits of erecting the Market at Fulton Street upon the adjacent lots was presented, read and referred to a Special Committee of Messrs. Stevens: Anthony: Westervelt: Board: Allen.

Mr. Stevens then presented the following:

" Resolved that the Clerk of the Board inform the Commissioners for taking the ground [243] between Fulton Slip and the Crane Wharf that the Board have under consideration the Resolution passed at the last meeting on the subject of the Assessment of the property to be benefitted by the contemplated New Market, and request the Commissioners to delay acting under the said Resolution until the Board shall take further order on the subject." which was agreed to.

A Remonstrance from the Butchers of the Fly Market against the granting of permits to persons to sell meats by the quarter in the Lower Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from T. C. Augustine Uz, stating that the Engine loaned to him on which to place his Compound Lever was prepared and would be ready for inspection on Wednesday next, was received. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to designate the place where the experiment should be exhibited.

The following persons were appointed Fire wardens and Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying Vacancies:

" Fire Warden of 3^{d} Ward."

[244] Robert Buloid—grocer—199 B'Way—3^{d} ward—vice Isaac Stoutenburgh—removed.

" Fire Engine Companies."

No. 4.

Apollos Hall—Taylor—202 Fulton St. 3^{d} ward—vice W^{m} E. Richardson—deceased

No. 26.

Jno. Woolsey—Cartman—Cherry c. Scammel—7 wd—vice Heny. Townsend Jr. Resigned.

Jno. S. Willett—Founder—167 Bancker—7 ward—vice Abm. Messerole—Resigned

No. 29.

Hugh Walker—grocer—Washington c. Perry—9 ward—vice

Jno. Westervelt Hudson c. Perry—9 ward—vice

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

1.	Margaret Moore	Les.	18 Harman St.	Privy
	do.	Occ.		
2.	Daniel Smith	Own.	69 Cliff St.	do
	C. G. Haslett	Occ.		

(signed) G. Cuming—City Inspr

which Ordinances were passed.

[245] The Comptroller, to whom was referred the resolution at the last meeting on subject of Silvanus Miller and John Agnew, presented a Report—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller reported a Statement of the Sales at Auction of 12 lots of ground belonging to the Corporation at the New Albany Basin on the 8th instant, as follows:

(signed) G. N. Bleecker

No. 3.	On Greenwich Street	Robt. R. Hunter	$4,600.
4.	do.	Curtis Bolton	5 000.
5.	do.	John Turner	5,100.
6.	do.	N. & H. Weed	5,750.
7	On Cedar Street	Robt. R. Hunter	2,450.
8.	On Washington Street	J. T. Leonard	4,100.
9.	do.	do.	3,500.
10.	do.	C. C. Tunis	3,300.
11.	do.	Wm H. Ireland	3,200.
12.	do.	do.	3,250.
13.	do.	Robt. R. Hunter	4,300.
14	On Albany Street	do.	3,250.
			$47,800.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

[246] The Street Commissioner presented Assessments

For repaving Water Street from Wall Street to the Fly Market: for repaving Front Street from Coffee house Slip to near Fly Market; and for repaving Pine Street from Pearl Street to the East

River—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Spring Street near Wooster Street, and an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street from Spring Street to Amity Lane, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of Lime Houses, recommending their being permitted to be continued until the 1st of December in each year—which was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Counsel, on the subject of the cession of ground by Henry Rutgers and others for widening Market Street, reported:

" That Colonel Henry Rutgers and others have released to the Corporation all their interest [247] in the property bordering on Market Street between Cherry and Division Streets which is required for the purpose of widening Market Street in pursuance of an Order of the Board. " The Counsel also informs the Board that Colonel Rutgers and others about four years since entered into covenants to appropriate so much of their property as might be necessary to widen certain Streets to Sixty feet, in pursuance of a plan filed in the Register's Office, and that he understands they are willing to make a cession accordingly to the Corporation.

" As the widening of these Streets would greatly advance the value of property fronting upon them and would also contribute much to the beauty and health of that part of the City, the Counsel respectfully recommends that he be authorized to inform Colonel Rutgers and the other parties to that Instrument that the Corporation are willing to accept a cession of the same."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon Resolved that the said Cession be accepted, on condition that the same is absolute and without conditions or reservations.

The Counsel presented Deeds from Lucretia Morrell and Elizabeth Morrell and from John McComb [248] guardian of Ann Morrell Wood, Sarah E. Morrell, Mary Morrell and Andrew B. Morrell, being the Widow and heirs at law of Andrew Morrell deceased, for a Lot of ground in Rose Street, which had been by him examined and deemed satisfactory—whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted and recorded.

He also, agreeably to order, presented an Ordinance entitled " A Law to regulate Weighmasters " which was read by paragraphs, amended and passed—and it was Resolved that the operation of the

Said Law be postponed until the First day of November next. The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill the office of Weighmaster general, when John G. Betts was chosen to fill said Office.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Beach Street, reported in favor thereof and presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Beach Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street be paved and the Side walks completed and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for the same."
which was approved.

[249] The Road Committee, to whom was referred the petition for opening Avenue "D" reported:

"That they have taken the subject into consideration and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. Mr. Eckford and others having bought property that is bounded on said Avenue, and for which they can have no benefit in consequence of not being able to get to it, and as there are plenty of materials handy to be had, they recommend the following:

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be, and he is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to have Avenue "D" opened to the Market place, with all convenient speed."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" David Board

which was approved and the Resolution proposed agreed to.

The Report of the Committee on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others was called up, and after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed.

A Law entitled "A Law to amend a Law entitled [250] a Law to regulate Partition Fences and Walls" was presented, read by paragraphs and passed.

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller bring in a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for the half-quarterly allowance allowed by this Board to the City Dispensary for Vaccination." which was approved.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to contract for as many paving Stones as he might think would be wanting for the ensuing year—which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 5th instant	$13.59	
Recd for Common Lands—Sales	7170.	
" " Streets	1500.	
" " Tax of 1818—2d Ward	1200.	
" " Wells and Pumps	543.10	
" " Register of Dogs—balance	198.	
" " Excise	195.	10,819.69
		10,819.69
Accounts Audited	$	
[251] Richd Furman—Dinner Corporation 4th July 1818	470.34	
Ogden Edwards—drafting Laws &c	260.	
W. Fish Treasurer—Amt paid Amory Morse—witness from a foreign State at Court of Sessions	127.62	
N. Philips—advertising Arrears of Tax in National Advocate	108.	
Jac. Hays—Expences on Extra services Police Office 1 qr. 26th August	14.	
Pet. Parcells—on acct. regg Streets at Greenwich Village	500.	
James Pinkerton—pavg Franklin Square	500.	
Dav. West—pavg Ludlow St	100.	
Thos. Scott—paving South Street	100.	
Jas. Meghan repairg Intersections	27.90	
Robt. Pettigrew—bal. Well—Cherry St	83.50	
Henry Voorhies—do. do. Mott St	67.73	
Robt. Pettigrew—do. do. Cannon St	63.	
Jno. Gallagher —do. do. Vandam St	53.50	
Hill & Ayres—for B. Hill on acct. filling Dey Street Basin	541.68	
Hill & Ayres—for R. Ayres on acct filling Dey St. Basin	458.32	
Hugh Smith—fillg at Albany Basin	327.90	
[252] John McComb—Street Commisr Awards to persons unknown for Third Avenue to be paid into Court	714.	
Ald. Munson—Treasr Board of Health	400.	
Ja. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for reprs	900.	
Richd Furman—Sup. Alms' house	4000.	9,817.49
	Balance	$1002.20

Adjourned to Monday next 5' o'clock.

[253] In Common Council Oct. 19, 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.

Elisha W. King
Anth. L. Underhill
W. F. Amringe
John Morss
Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Effingham Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An Invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum to the Members of the Common Council and their families to visit an Observatory lately erected at the Museum and other improvements lately made by him at that Establishment, was read and Resolved that the same be accepted.

A Petition of John McKee for permission to construct a Vault in North Moore Street corner of [254] Washington Street—was read and granted on the usual terms.

A Petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant, stating that he is desirous of obtaining the right of ground under water from the middle of Stuyvesant Street to the middle of 22d Street, and requesting to know the terms on which the same may be obtained—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Mary Mariner, praying remission of fine for selling liquor without license, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition that North Street may be regulated from Chrystie to Orchard Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of persons owning real property in the village of Greenwich, that the Carriage way and Side walks in Hudson Street from Charlton to Hammond Street, and of Perry, Charles and Amos Streets from Washington Street to Asylum Street, and of Herring Street from Chris- [255] topher to Hammond Street may be gravelled and the Curb Stone laid—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Sundry persons appointed a Committee by the Inhabitants of Harlaem to take charge of their Common Lands—praying that the collection of the Assessment respecting the Third Avenue may be delayed—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from Sundry Tenants of Cellars under Washington Market, stating that they had hired said Cellars for the purpose of victualling Shops, that for that purpose they had erected Stoves, and that they have received orders from the Fire Wardens to take down said Stoves, and praying the interference of the Board—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine for remission of Fine for selling liquor without License was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Sundry Weighmasters remonstrating against the provision of said law appointing a [256] Weighmaster General, and also a Remonstrance from a number of Citizens against the said provision in the Law were severally read and referred to the former Committee on Weighmasters with the addition of Aldermen Morss and Munson.

A Petition of William Green, praying to be employed as a Lamplighter, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Francis A. Everard was presented, stating that he some time since presented a Memorial to the Corporation alleging that he had invented a machine for Sweeping Chimneys which would supersede the necessity of employing boys for that purpose: that said petition was referred to a Committee: that he understood he was authorised to make experiments of said Machine and that he did not thereby infringe any law: that suits have been commenced against him for using said Machine by the Attorney of the Corporation under a law of the Corporation for Sweeping without license and praying the interference of the Board. Whereupon Resolved that the [257] Suits be discontinued and without any costs being paid by the Defendant.

A Petition from the Administrators of Archibald Smyth deceased, praying to be permitted to transfer and assign to James Pettit of said City Lots Nos. 25 and 26 situated in the Ninth Ward and held under lease from the Corporation. Whereupon Resolved that leave be given to transfer the same upon all rent due thereon being paid and satisfied.

A Petition of Stephen W. Vitsors, for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor as was alleged on Sunday, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 24."

Jno. Burger—Carpenter—Reed Street—5 ward—vice James Culbertson—Resigned

Jno. Pearce—Harness M^{r} Cedar St. 1 ward—vice John Gardner—deceased

Jno. Earl—Sail M^{r} William Street—4 ward—vice John Daddy—Expelled

[258] "Fire Engine Company No. 30."

William Messerve—Butcher—Delancey St. 10 ward—vice James Austin—resigned

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for repaving Pine Street, South Street, Depeyster Street and Frankfort Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Beach Street from Hudson Street to Washington Street, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: also for a Well and pump in Laight Street near Hudson Street, which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Two Contracts between the Mayor, Aldermen &c. and Thomas J. Woodruff, Gideon Tucker and Abraham P. Maybie for building the Sewer thro Canal Street—which were directed to be referred to the Counsel and on his approbation of the same that they [259] be duly executed in the recess of the Board.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Jno. Hyslop	Own. or Agt.	Milligan Lane	Privy
	Robt. Pettigrew	Occ.		
2	William Mead	Own.	5 Ann St.	do.
	N. Mead	Occ.		
3.	R. Munson	Own.	3 Bowery	do.
	G. Lewis	Occ.		
4	T. Orr	Own.	20 Chatham St.	do.
	Jas. Anderson	Occ.		
5	J. Moore	Own.	26 do	do.
	J. Drake	Occ.		
6	Mrs. W. Lake	Own.	40 do	do.
	do	Occ.		
7	W^{m} Mooney	Own.	48 do	do.
	R. S. Gardner	Occ.		

8	Hyppolite Barrere do.	Own. Occ.	82 Chatham St.	Privy
9	James Rushton do	Own. Occ.	124½ do	do.
10	C. Harsen Banker & Rogers	Own. Occ.	141 do	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[260] The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a Resolution respecting the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company, reported:

" That the Common Council, by a Resolution passed the 22d day of December 1817 did consent that the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company might substitute a Team Boat in lieu of the Second Steam Boat mentioned in the lease of the Fulton Street Ferry, provided such Team Boat should be in operation by the 1st day of June then next—And that the Common Council did likewise consent to unite with the said Company in an application to the Legislature to increase the rate of ferriage in such Team Boat equal to the Steam Boat: that such application was accordingly made at the last Session, but owing to some cause unknown to your Committee it was denied, and as that fact was not ascertained until near the close of the Session, it was impossible then for the Company to complete the Boat by the time limited in the said Resolution. And your Committee further report that the time for placing a Second Steam Boat upon the said ferry does [261] not expire until the 1st day of May next: And as in their opinion the public will sustain no inconvenience by the substitution of a Team Boat they accordingly recommend that the Company be allowed a further time sufficient to build a Team Boat and put her in operation: And for this purpose they recommend the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that the time limited by a Resolution of this Board passed the 22d of December last for the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company to build and complete a Team Boat in lieu of the Second Boat mentioned in the Lease of Messrs. Fulton and Cutting, be and is hereby extended to the 1st day of April next. Provided, however, that such Team Boat shall not be less than Seventy feet in length on Deck, nor less than Forty two feet in breadth on deck including the Platform.

Resolved, that in case the said Company shall not be able to procure an Act of the Legislature to enable them to charge the same rates of Ferriage in such Team Boat as is now allowed for the Steam Boat, or from any other cause shall be disposed to place another Steamboat upon the Ferry, conformably with the provisions of the Said Lease, they shall be at liberty to do so, and to [262] discontinue the further use of such Team-boat. Provided always that a Team Boat be put on the Ferry by the 1st of April next or a Steam Boat by the 1st of May next.

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be authorized and requested to endorse these Resolutions upon the before-mentioned Lease."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved, and the Resolutions therein proposed and the Proviso added thereto were severally agreed to.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Samuel Evans, reported: "That the Lease of the Ferry granted to the said Samuel Evans was for the Term of Fifteen years, upward of Fourteen of which are now unexpired. In order to induce the Corporation to extend the Term, he proposes to place a Team Boat on the Ferry, but your Committee are of opinion that such an Establishment will not for many years be attended with any important advantage to the public, and, if it would, that the Term already granted is quite sufficient to enable the petitioner to make any improvement of that [263] Sort. Your Committee therefore deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" John P. Anthony

which having been read was ordered to be filed.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving the Sidewalks in Cherry Street, Reported:

"That they have examined the Situation of that Street and are of opinion that if the Side walks from Rutger Street to Corlaers' Hook are regulated and gravelled it will be sufficient for the present: Therefore offer the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner notify the Owners and Inhabitants in Cherry Street between Rutger Street and Corlaers' Hook to regulate and gravel their Sidewalks."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed was adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of James [264] Paddy for a Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 10 Fly Market be granted to him. Whereupon Resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 30 Fly Market, reported in his favor. Whereupon resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on petition of John Glashong for Stall No. 4 Spring Street Market, reported in his favor. Whereupon Resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The same Committee, on the petition of William Vermilyea for a Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that he be permitted to sell meat at Harlaem. Whereupon Resolved that a License issue to him in conformity with said Report.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Daniel S. Hyde for Stall No. 2 Gouverneur's Market, reported in his favor, and it was resolved that a License be granted him for Said Stall.

[265] The Same Committee, on the petition of Alexander Fink Junior for Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 5 Spring Street Market be granted him. Whereupon Resolved that a License issue to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Miller for Stall No. 6 Spring Street, reported in his favor, and it was Resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Marshall and Adam Dobbs to be permitted to exchange Stalls, reported in their favor. Whereupon it was resolved, that a License issue to Thomas Marshall for Stall No. 40 Catharine Market and Adam Dobbs for Stall No. 46 in said market.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Henry N. Disbrow for a Stall, reported in his favor and that he be allowed to occupy Stall No. 3 in the Market situated in Grand Street between Allen and Orchard Streets, and it was Resolved that he be licensed therefor.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Samuel [266] Harner for a Stall in Fly Market, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 12 in Fly Market be granted to him. Whereupon resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Martin Hill for Stall No. 28 Fly Market, reported in his favor, and it was resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Bridle for a Stall in Fly Market, reported in his favor, and it was Resolved that a License for Said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Bockover for Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that he be allowed to occupy Stall No. 5 in the Market situated in Grand Street between Allen and Orchard Streets. Whereupon resolved that he be licensed therefor.

The Same Committee on the petition of Christopher Merkle to occupy the Cellar under Duane Market for a Wheel wright Shop, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner [267] ought not to be granted: which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of the Comptroller enclosing a Letter from Silvanus Miller respecting a gore of land adjoining his property and respecting a Water Grant, reported:

" That they have had an interview with Mr. Miller on the above mentioned subjects and have received from him the following propositions: On the subject of the Water grant, he proposes to take it out immediately and pay the Assessment imposed for opening Roosevelt Street, provided he shall be exempt from the usual Quit rent until South Street is made and completed in front of said grant:—And on the subject of the gore of land alluded to he offers to take said gore at the amount assessed on it by the Commissioners for opening Roosevelt Street, and give his Bond for the same payable with interest from the First day of May ensuing.

" The Committee are of opinion that the proposition of Mr. Miller in relation to the Water grant is reasonable, inasmuch as the situation of the water in front of his lot, owing to the obstruction occasioned by the Floating Engine is such as totally to exclude him from the use of said water and [268] has hitherto prevented his deriving any interest or emolument whatever from the same, and therefore ought to be acceded to on the part of the Board. But the Committee cannot agree to that part of Mr. Miller's proposition respecting the gore of land, in which he proposes paying interest from the 1st day of May next, as the Corporation would be a loser by the operation to the amount of the interest on the purchase money from the day on which they were bound to pay and actually did pay the persons damaged by opening Roosevelt Street to the said first day of May, a term of Eight months; especially as it was distinctly understood by a Committee of this Board, together with the Counsel, that Mr. Miller had agreed to take said gore at a fair valuation, and the Commissioners, uninfluenced and under the obligations of their oaths, have declared the said gore of land to be worth the money at which it stands assessed to the Corporation.

"The Committee therefore propose the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Board:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a grant to Silvanus Miller and [269] Margaret Miller, for the use of said Margaret the Wife of Silvanus Miller for the ground under water alluded to in the foregoing Report: said grant to contain the usual covenants, except that no quit rent shall be required to be paid by the grantee until South Street in front of said grant be made and completed, after which period the rents, as now established, to be annually paid—Provided, however that previous to executing said grant the Assessment for opening Roosevelt Street, together with the interest which may be due thereon, shall be fully paid and satisfied by the grantee.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a quit-claim to Silvanus Miller for a certain gore or piece of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street, provided said Miller shall execute to this Corporation a Bond for the sum of Two thousand five hundred and fifty six dollars and three cents payable with interest from the 16th day of September 1818 and that the said quit claim remain on escrow until the amount of such bond, together with the interest be paid and discharged."

(signed) Steph. Allen: Reub. Munson
Saml. Akerly: W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to.

[270] Mr. Allen presented the following:—

"Resolved that a Special Committee of Five be appointed to consider and report on such subjects as shall be referred to them and for which it may be thought proper and necessary for this Board to petition the Legislature of this State at their ensuing Session." which was agreed to and the following were appointed the Committee: Viz—Mr. Allen Ald. Morss King Munson Buckmaster

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 12th inst	$1002.20	
Recd for Tax of 1818—5th & 6th Wards	2000.	
" " Streets	1178.68	
" " Canal Street	1000.	
" " Wells and Pumps	727.90	
Loan of Mechanic's Bank—Authorized 21 Sept	8500.	14,408.78

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Walton Watch 1st distt	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	413.	
[271] Andrew Van Orden—Keeper—Battery—One month 15th instant	45.	
City Dispensary—half yearly allowance for Vaccination	300.	
Jno. McComb—Guardian Estate And. Morrell—for lot of ground in Rose Street as per deed, bought for Engine house	1800.	
Heirs of P. Bloodgood—Awd Roosevelt St	956.	
Chs. Mooney—Acct. pavg Water Street from Fly Market to Wall Street	200.	
Hen. Voorhies—1st Instalt Well McDougal St	52.75	
R. Pettigrew— do. do. Laight St	36.12	
P. M. Allison— do. Pier—Oliver Slip	1200.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days—18th ins	48.	
Heirs of John Norman—Award for opening First Street	7500.	14,376.12
	Balance	$32.66

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[272] In Common Council, Oct. 26. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President

Aldermen	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westerveltt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Effingm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Two Accounts of Amos Jones for Corporation proportion of making a Road thro' Ninth Avenue to 128th Street amounting to $761.34 and for making a Road thro' 28th Street from 9th Avenue to Hudson River amounting to $202.32 were referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of F. C. Augustus Uz, stating that the experiment of his Compound Lever had [273] not the effect when applied to an

Engine which he expected, but that he thinks he can remedy the defect and praying for permission to make a further experiment, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas, stating that he has been forbidden to sell Articles of Hardware in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets; that, understanding he could sell those articles as well as furniture, he rented an Establishment for that purpose; that to be now prevented will be attended with considerable loss, and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition for paving the Side Walks in Elm Street between Anthony and White Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Bull Jr. for a Stall in Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Erastus Smith for appointment as Measurer of Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications—And a petition of [274] Isaac Sayres for Appointment of Weighmaster was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Morrell, one of the Lessees of Grand Street Ferry, for a Lease of Two Lots formerly ceded to the Corporation, was read and referred to Finance Committee & Comptroller.

A Petition of Joseph O. Bogart was presented stating that he had been prosecuted under the Dog Law for an offence said to be committed by an Apprentice of his in disturbing the Registrar of Dogs and praying relief—which was referred to Aldermen Munson M^c^Queen Mr. Anthony

A Remonstrance of Sundry Merchants, Traders and Retailers against the provision of the Law regulating Weighmasters which directs the Appointment of a Weighmaster General—A Remonstrance on the same subject from a Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of this City—And a memorial from a number of the Weighmasters of the City stating their approbation of said law—were severally read and laid on the Table [275] until the Report of the Committee on that subject was presented.

A Memorial of Aaron Lane, stating that he had invented a Machine of very simple construction for the Sweeping of Chimnies and praying the patronage of the Common Council, was read and referred to the former Committee on Chimney Sweepers.

A Petition of Cornelius Ray for a Water lot grant fronting his Lot in Water Street near Walnut Street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Duane Street near Elm Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A further petition of Nicholas Fiengo praying relief from an Assessment for Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of William M^cCartee for permission to use a Drain under the Street from the Centre of the Block in White Street between Church & Chapel [276] Streets in order to carry off the Ley &c. from his Manufactory, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was received from Rodman Bowne, Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, stating that some further accommodations on the Brooklyn Side are necessary for the Ferry, and requesting the consideration of the same to be referred to a Committee—also stating that he had been in the practice of charging 4 cents for each passenger in his Team Boat across the Ferry, which he presumed was agreeable to the Common Council; that, understanding the power of regulating the rates of ferriage is given by the Charter to the Corporation, he respectfully solicited that an ordinance might be passed authorising the rate of ferriage for each passenger to be increased to 4 cents. Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Committee on Laws.

A Petition that Fourth Street may be regulated from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[277] A Petition from sundry owners of Houses and lots fronting on Collect Street in the Sixth Ward, complaining of the mode in which said Street has been paved, and praying the same may be altered and the pavement be made similar to the late pavement in Chapel Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition that additional Lamps may be placed in Leonard Street between Broadway & Orange Street, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants residing in Mulberry Street against one Benjamin French taking daily a large quantity of water from Pump No. 45 in said street to the injury of the Neighbourhood, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

A Petition was received from Nathan Jackson, stating that he had been prosecuted under the Pawnbrokers' Law as a dealer in Secondhand Articles and a judgment recovered against him; that the facts of the case were that he had purchased at auction some second-hand chairs and Maps; that not wishing to retain for his own use the whole [278] of them he had sent a part of them again to auction where some of them were sold. Under these circumstances he prayed relief of the Board. Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Police.

A Memorial was received from Benjamin Dearborn, requesting the Common Council to appoint a Committee to investigate the properties and the advantages of the Proportional Balance invented by him over the present mode of weighing by means of Scales and weights Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 8.

Thomas Frost—grocer—Oliver c. Bancker—4 ward—vice Rich^{d} Langley—Resigned

No. 9.

John Low—Mercht. No. 84 Broad St. 1st ward—vice John T. Ball —Resigned.

[279] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed—Viz. for regulating First Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for a Well and Pump in Duane Street between Broadway and Elm Street *Street* and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also Reported that the Road thro' the Ninth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 28th Street and along 28th Street from the Ninth Avenue to the Hudson River had been completed much to his satisfaction and that he had accepted the Road. He also stated that the Proprietors on the Tenth Avenue between 28th Street and the Bloom-ing-dale Road were desirous the same should be made and he recommended it to the attention of the Board—Whereupon the same was referred to the Road Commitee.

He also recommended that directions be given to take up and remove the paving Stones from the lots lately sold at the Albany Basin and that an Engine House should be erected on the Lot reserved at that place for the purpose: Whereupon it was Resolved that he direct the removal of the paving Stones [280] agreeably to his recommendation and farther that the subject of the Engine house be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel presented the Draught of a Petition to the Supreme Court for appointing Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening part of Avenue " D " and the Clerk was directed to affix the Common Seal to the same. He was also directed in the recess of the Board to affix the Common Seal to a Petition for appointing Commissioners &c. for widening Market Street.

He also presented a Deed to William H. Ireland for Lots Nos. 11 & 12 of the lots at New Albany Basin purchased by him at the late Sales of that property, which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspectors presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1.	Alex. J. Hamilton	Own.	282 & 284	Water St.	Lot
	Abel Smith	Les.			
2	Joshua Jones	Own.	283 & 285	do.	do
3	G. N. Bleecker	Own.	287 & 289	do	do
4	Elizabeth Morris	Own.	291-293-295 and 297	do	do
5	[281] Saml. Benton	Les. & Occ.	14	Wall St.	Privy
6	Walter Bowne	Own.	193	Duane St.	do
7	do	Own.	3	Hudson St.	do
	P. Breasher	Occ.			
8	Mrs. Mary Molanor	Own.	3	Orchard St.	do.
	Mrs. Herbert	Occ.			
9	M. H. Guion	Own.	10	Chrystie St.	do.
	Mrs. Adams	Occ.			
10	Jno. Skilman	Own.	2	Allen St.	do.
	M. Robinson & C. Dean	Occ.			
11	J. Skilman	Own.	4	do.	do.
	L. Brashiere & W. Giles	Occ.			
12	Antony Elton	Own & Occ.	11	Bayard St.	do.
13	Jane Ring	Les. & Occ.	13	do.	do.
14	Mary McLeod	do. & do.	15	do.	do.
15	M. H. Guion	Own.	42	Division St.	do.
	F. Robin	Occ.			
16	M. H. Guion	Own.	50	do	do
	E. Woodward	Occ.			

17	Henckman & Watson	Less.	54	Division St.	Privy
18	Haviland Smith	Own. & Occ.	60	do	do
19	James Jetson	do. do.	74	do	do
20	Mrs. M^{c}Adams	Own.	78	do	do
	John Lamere	Occ.			
21	John Francis	Own.	80	do	do
	do.	Occ.			
22	[282] Danl. Sickles	Own.	86. 88	Division St.	do
	F. Ward	Occ.			
23	Danl. Smith	Les.	106	do	do
	M. Sands & A. & J. Bogert	Occ.			
24	Judah Hammond	Own. & Occ.	140	do	do
25	Mrs. Cath^{ne} Gordon	Les. & Occ.	108	do	do
26	Miles Oakley	do. do.	142	do	do
27	Mrs. Mary Ackerman	do. do.	144	do	do
28	Saml. Perry	do. do.	152	do	do
29	John Akley	do. do.	150	do	do

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Committee, on the petition of James R. Mullany, Reported: "That they have examined and find that the Stairs he erected are contrary to an Ordinance of the Corporation—They therefore offer the following Resolution: "Resolved that the Street Commissioner inform Mr. James R. Mullany that he must remove his Stairs erected in Warren Street forthwith."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" Leon^{d} Kip
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. Morss

which was approved
and the Resolution approved was agreed to.

[283] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating certain Streets in the vicinity of Greenwich Village, Reported: "That they have examined the Situation of Greenwich and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. They therefore offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Curb Stone be laid and the Sidewalks and Carriage Way gravelled in Hudson Street from Charlton to Hammond Street.

"Resolved—that the following Streets have the Curb Stone laid and Side Walks gravelled

Perry Street from Washington to Asylum Street
Charles do. do. do.
Amos do. do. do.
Herring from Christopher to Hammond Street

and that the Street Commissioner prepare Ordinances for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss

which was approved

The Committee of Repairs, on the account of J. P. Roome, reported:

"That they have examined the accounts of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, from 9th April to 15th October 1818 and find that he has received by Warrants from [284] the Corporation	$15,125.
For Sundry Articles sold by him	186.01
Balance due the Corporation on last Settlement and now credited	31. 5
	$15.342.06
He has paid, agreeably to Vouchers produced, 180 Accounts, Amount	15,305.98
Leaving a balance due Corporation to be carried to credit of New Account	36.08

(signed) Geo. B. Thorp
" Leon. Kip
" G. N. Bleecker.

The Committee of Repairs would embrace this opportunity of stating to the Board that the duties of the Superintendant have become more arduous and extensive than formerly in consequence of many branches of business coming immediately under his direction. The economy introduced into this Department by the purchase of sundry articles wanted for public purposes and the work being done at the yard, together with the increasing demands necessarily made on the time and attention of the Superintendant, united with the fidelity and industry of this public officer, are considerations which have induced the Committee [285] to recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Salary of the Superintendant of Reprs be increased Three hundred dollars per annum, making the yearly sum of Twelve hundred dollars, to commence on the 14th of November next."

(signed) Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Account was directed to be filed and the Resolution was agreed to.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the Remonstrance of Bailey and Russell and sundry others and also of several of the Weighmasters against the provision of the late Law regulating Weighmasters, reported: "That after the mature consideration that your Committee have given the subject referred to them they cannot for a moment hesitate to recommend to the Common Council that the Subscribers to the Remonstrance referred to your Committee have liberty to withdraw the same. Your Committee would observe that the Law to regulate the Weighmasters of this City was recommended to the Common Council as a remedy for the many evils existing in that Department. [286] They could then have but a theoretical knowledge of the result of its operation in practice; but from cases analogous they believed that the full execution of the law would satisfy every reasonable expectation they had formed. It was stated to be an experiment which your Committee thought was well worth the trial. If the experiment failed an alteration or a repeal could be speedily made and but trifling inconvenience ensue to the public. From further reflection your Committee are still more sanguine that the said law will have a very beneficial tendency, and that none of the evils represented in the said remonstrance as likely to result therefrom will arise from its complete operation. The following Resolutions are respectfully submitted:"

The first Resolution proposed was as follows:

"Resolved that the Subscribers to a *Resigned* [Remonstrance] by Bailey and Russell and others against the Law to regulate Weighmasters have leave to withdraw the same."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative.

[287] Affirm. Ald. Underhill, Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen. 13.

Negat. Ald. King Van Amringe Buckmaster. Mr. Stevens. 4

Alderman Munson then stated that he was requested by Mr. Andrew R. Miller one of the Subscribers to the Remonstrance from the Weighmasters to withdraw his name therefrom and he moved that the same be done—which was agreed to. The Second Resolution was then read in the words following:

" Resolved that the Resignation of the Weighmasters, excepting Andrew R. Miller, whose names are subscribed to a Remonstrance on the same subject be accepted by the Common Council."

The names of the Subscribers were called for and appeared as follows:

William Vandervoort—Israel Bedell—Sylvester Marius—A. R. Miller—Reuben Wright—P. R. Pearsall—D. D. Crane.

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution and a Division called, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affir. Ald. Underhill Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen 12

Neg. Ald. King V^n Amringe Buckmaster. Messrs. Bolton Stevens 5

[288] The question was then taken on the whole Report and agreed to.

Mr. Stevens then proposed the following:

" Resolved that the Law lately passed this Board regulating Weighmasters and appointing a Weighmaster General be suspended, and that it do not take effect until the fifteenth day of November ensuing, and that in the mean time the Weighmasters continue the performance of their duties under the present Law, and that a Committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the Chamber of Commerce as proposed by them."

The question being taken thereon and a Division called, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Ald^n Underhill Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen 11.

Affirmative. Ald^n King Van Amringe Morss Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens 6.

The Remonstrance of Sundry Merchants, Traders and Retailers, the Remonstrance of the Chamber of Commerce and the Memorial from several Weighmasters, which had been read and [289] laid on the Table, were now called up and were referred to the former Committee on Weighmasters.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the subject of applications to the Legislature to report their opinion as to the expediency of applying for laws on the following subjects:

"To authorise the Corporation to raise a Revenue by tax on all description of pleasure Carriages kept in this City.

"For authority to license all persons following the business of a Stock or Money Broker and to fix the price per annum for such license.

"For authority to levy a duty on all goods sold by auction in any of the Streets of this City.

"For authority to enforce the payment of the Commutation Money due from the people called Quakers in lieu of Militia duty.

"For a law to reduce the fees of the Coroner on persons dying in the Alms' house, Penitentiary and Bridewell to the same as he receives at the State Prison." Which Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly also presented a Resolution referring to the same Committee to enquire into the propriety [290] of extending the Fire Limits —which was agreed to.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution directing the Side Walks in Hammond Street to be gravelled from Washington Street to Asylum Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance therefor —which was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner to enquire into the propriety of paving the Side walks from Water Street to Gouverneur Street—which was agreed to.

A Resolution was presented, referring it to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to consider and report on the expediency of continuing West Street from Charlton Street to the North side of the Pier at the foot of Spring Street—which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution referring to the Committee on Finance to enquire into the State of the Funds and general concerns of the Society of the Sailor's Snug Harbour and to report to the Board —which Resolution was agreed to.

[291] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 19th inst.	32.66	
Recd for Rents	3494.42	
" " Tax 1818—2d 3d and 8th wards	5750.	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Streets	1728.61	
" " Common Lands Sales	3870.	17,875.69

Accounts Audited.

Matthew Duboise—15 Watch Caps for First District......	60.	
Comercial Advertiser—6 mo. Subscrip. 1st inst............	75.	
S. McCoun and J. V. B. Varick, Assessors of Tax 1st Ward	271.	
A. Valentine and Wm M. Fox—Assessrs 2d ward..........	265.	
H. Talman & N. C. Griffith— do. 3 do	275.	
L. Hartman & P. Bonnett— do. 4 do	230.	
G. Sutton & R. Kidney— do. 5 do	281.	
A. Clark & A. Baudouine— do. 6 do	311.	
D. Lyon & J. Cox— do. 7 do	266.	
J. Emmons & N. Schureman— do. 8 do	342.50	
J. Willoughby & J. Adriance— do. 9 do	393.	
W. Howell & J. Brown— do. 10 do	257.	
Geo. W. Pitman—fixing Drag Rope for Fire Department..	34.84	
[292] Chs. Mooney—Acct. pavg Pine St..................	700.	
Jas. Pinkerton— do do. Franklin Square..........	500.	
Chs. Mooney—act pavg Front St. from Wall to Depeyter St.	200.	
Jas. Pinkerton—act pavg Mill St........................	200.	
Davd West— do. do. Ludlow St.....................	100.	
Jno. Stanley— do. regg Bond St.......................	100.	
Chs. Mooney—bal. pavg Franklin St.....................	137.31	
J. McComb—St. Comr to pay publishg Notices to redeem lots sold for Assessments..............................	77.33	
Allen Shepherd—repayt lot purchasd by him in Cliff St. Error in Sum paid....................................	59.44	
Wm Miller—repairg Intersectns Streets...................	7.59	
Jno. McKinne, B. McKinne & Jos. P. McKinne Award for Fourth Street	2998.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Repairs.................	1200.	
Jac. P. Roome do. Corporatn proportn of Reprs. to Pier No. 12 East River.............................	398.	
Jac. Morton—Charges Hack hire & 32d Vol. Minutes Index	113.	9,852.01
	Balance	$8,023.68

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[293] In Common Council. Nov. 2. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor presented the Calendar of the prisoners confined in the Bridewell or City Prison which was directed to be filed. He also made the following observations respecting the same:

" It appears that there were at the period of that return Fifty seven persons in confinement, of whom 34 were convicts. Of these 8 are sentenced by the several Sessions and 26 by the Police Magistrates as Vagrants or disorderly persons. Four of the remain- [294] ing persons are indicted and are waiting their trials, and there remain only 19 who are detained to answer for crimes. Of these 19 one is committed for counterfeiting, two for grand Larceny, four for petit larceny and twelve for assault and battery.

" This view of the State of the City Prison is certainly gratifying inasmuch as it must evidence the remark that the crimes are comparatively few and so very few of any magnitude.

" The Mayor since his last report has paid his accustomed visits to the Bridewell and is happy to observe that it is kept with a cleanliness and order that do very great credit to the Keeper."

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward, praying that the Inhabitants of said Ward may be exempted from the payment of the Tax laid upon Dogs, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

An account of Sundry Peace Officers for services in attending to enforce the Dog Law, having been ordered upon that duty by his Honor the [295] Mayor, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that Lamps may be erected on the First Avenue as far as Eighth Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Lawrence Martin for Stall No. 47 in Catharine Market at present held by Thomas Place who is willing to relinquish the same, and a petition from Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 7 in Spring Street Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Davidson, stating that he had been charged by John Marschalk, one of the City Weighers, an improper rate for weighing some articles, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Officers.

A Petition of William J. Brower, James W. Anderson, John Campbell and Lewis Angevine for appointment of Weighmaster—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Alexander James Hamilton, stating that he has received an order for filling in [296] Two lots, that those are two cellars remaining from houses that were burnt and that petitioner intends rebuilding them, and praying that instead of filling them up he may be permitted to enclose the same in a fence, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Petition of Alexander Pilebut, to be permitted to set off a Balloon which he has constructed from the Park in front of the Museum, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

Petitions of Sylvester Marius, Peter R. Pearsall and Israel Bedell, stating that they had signed the Remonstrance from the Weighmasters without intending the same to be considered as a Resignation of their office and without any idea that the same was couched in disrespectful terms, and praying to be appointed to said Office, was read. Whereupon it was Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that they be appointed to the Office of Weighmaster.

[297] A Petition of William J. Waldron and Obadiah Ayres, Assistants to the City Inspector, praying an increase of their Salaries, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of William Vail, that the Corporation would lease to him a Lot in Grand Street ceded to them by Abraham Cannon, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Nicholas McGaviston, praying remission of fine incurred by taking water from a pump contrary to the Ordinance respecting public pump, was read and the prayer thereof granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of James Butler for remission of fine under an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine, Weigher of Hay, praying the Corporation will devote Gouverneur Slip to the purpose of landing Hay and forbid the landing of Stone at said Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[298] The Chief Engineer Reported that Engine House No. 16 was in a decayed State, that the Consistory of the Dutch Church offered a Lot for an Engine house in Liberty Street, and he recommended accepting said offer—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer with authority to act as they shall judge expedient.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

Hugh Speir—Cooper—Roosevelt St. 4th ward—vice Donald McCleod—Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

John Poland, Blacksmith—Murray St. 3d ward vice Lorenzo Hitchcock—Removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

1	Francis Spicer	Own. & Occ.	Allen St.	Lot
2	Peter Wilt.	do. do.	Chrystie St.	do.
3	J. Anderson	Own.	Barclay St.	do
	Asa Hall	Les.		
4	[299] Ann White	Own.	5 Ann St.	Privy
	Jas. Thompson	Agt.		
	Wm Jewel	Occ.		
5	Thomas Gibbons	Own.	Chrystie St.	Lot.
	do	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Laight Street near Hudson Street and for a Well and pump in McDougal Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report recommending it to be referred to a Committee to direct the regulation of the ground in front of the lots lately sold in front of the Albany Basin—which was approved and it was referred to the Street Committee with authority to act in the premises as they should judge expedient.

He also reported a List of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening Canal Street, and as the Collector after due diligence had been unable to collect the same [300] he recommended that the property assessed be advertised and sold agreeably to law—which was approved, and he was directed to proceed to advertise and sell the same agreeably to the directions of the Statute in that case made and provided.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William M^c^Cartee, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating North Street, reported: " That they have examined the situation of North Street and find that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that North Street be regulated from Chrystie Street to Orchard Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[301] The same Committee, on the petition respecting the paving of Collect Street, presented a Report—which was referred back to the same Committee.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Fourth Street, Reported: " That they have examined the situation of Fourth Street and find that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Fourth Street be regulated from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom had been referred the petition of a Committee of the Inhabitants of Haerlem praying that the collection of the Assessments for the Third Avenue might be delayed, Reported: " That the Assessment amounts to 749 dollars and has been due since the 4th day of December 1814 and that there are arrears of taxes due on the said ground, including the present year, [302] of about 1000 dollars: that the lands alluded to have been advertised according to law for the payment of said Assessment and Arrears of taxes and are to be sold on the 3d day of November instant, unless the claim of the Corporation shall be previously satisfied.

" The Committee are of opinion that a final settlement of the several claims to these lands is a very desirable event, and that such event would be materially retarded, if not totally defeated, at least for some time to come, by a sale of them agreeably to the advertisement alluded to. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

" Resolved that the people of Haerlem be allowed an extension of time for the payment of the Assessment for opening the Third Avenue and the Arrears of Taxes on their Common lands to the 1st day of October 1819; and that the Street Commissioner and Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed not to sell the said lands until the further order of the Board Provided, however, that the said Assessment, with the taxes now due, together with the interest and other expences, continue a lien on said lands.

[303] " The Committee beg leave further to state that the difficulties which appear to exist among the Inhabitants of Haerlem on the subject of the lands alluded to have led them to believe that the question of title can in no other way be so equitably and firmly settled as by an Act of the Legislature authorizing an umpire between the parties concerned; and they therefore propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be authorized to consult the subscribers to the annexed petition on the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to vest the fee of the Common Lands of Haerlem in the Corporation of this City under such restrictions as shall comport with the rights of individuals as well as the interest of the public."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Morrell for the Lease of Two Lots of ground on Long Island originally ceded by him to the Corporation, reported: "That the said lots are situated [304] on Long Island at a place called Morrill's point near the landing of the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street: that they are 50 feet front and rear and 100 feet deep and are at present entirely unproductive. The Committee recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that a Lease be granted to Thomas Morrell for two lots of ground belonging to the Corporation on Long Island at Morrell's Point, and that said Lease be given for a term of years so as to expire at the same time as that held by William Vaile and others for the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street, at a rent of Forty dollars per annum for the first seven years and seventy dollars per annum for the remainder of the term—Provided, however, that the lease shall be executed on the part of said Morrell on or before the 1st day of December next, otherwise the provisions herein contained shall be void."

(signed) Steph. Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reub. Munson
" S. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed, with the Proviso, agreed to.

[305] The same Committee, to whom had been referred the Communication of the Counsel on the subject of treating with the owners of property fronting on Fayette Street and also that lying near the contemplated line of Oliver Street for certain pieces of land adjoining their property respectively and not required for widening and extending Oliver Street, reported:

"That they have given the subject due consideration and have reason to believe the expence to the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the contemplated improvements will be materially lessened by entering into the arrangement recommended by the Counsel: they have therefore instructed him to prepare the draught of articles necessary to be executed by the respective parties, which have been submitted to and approved by them as well as the Commissioners and are now respectfully presented to the Board for their sanction. The Committee also beg leave to submit the following Resolution for the concurrence of the Board:

"Resolved that the Counsel be authorized to execute contracts with the parties respectively similar to those now submitted and that the same may be executed during the recess of the Board."

(signed) S. Allen: R Munson: W. F. Van Amringe: P. Mesier: S. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

[306] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom had been referred the petition for extending West Street, Reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner notify the proprietors of grounds between Charlton and Spring Streets to continue West Street from Charlton Street to theNorth side of the pier at the foot of Spring Street and to have the Bulkhead of said Street completed by the 1st day of July 1819, and that the filling in and making a finish of said West Street be extended to the 1st Decr 1819."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Cornelius Harsin, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the grant held by Cornelius Harsin for a certain lot of ground and premises fronting on Washington, Charlton and West Streets be cancelled, and that, to indemnify him for the amount paid for the bulkhead and other [307] improvements on said Lot, a bond payable in one year without interest be executed in his favour for One thousand dollars—provided said Harsin accepts of the same by the 15th inst. and provided that the said C. Harsin shall give to the Corporation such a title to the Same free of all incumbrances as the Counsel of this Board shall approve."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to .

The Special Committee, on the petition of Joseph O. Bogart, reported: "That they have enquired into the complaint made by the Register of Dogs, which appears to be not of so high a nature as your Committee would think this Board justified to enforce the penalty from the following facts. Your Committee (some of them) know the boy to be not the best inclined and that Mr. Bogart has endeavoured to get rid of him by giving up his indentures but his parents refused to take them. His master has offered to give said boy his time but he would not accept that. Your Committee would farther state that at the time the transaction took place this boy was [308] coming from Market in his Cart and there appears no evidence that he got out of his Cart, but that what he did was saying " Get out " and threw a potato from his cart toward a dog that the Register was about to kill. Your Committee would recommend the following:

" Resolved that Joseph O. Bogart be released from the penalty of One hundred dollars by paying the costs.

" Resolved that the Attorney proceed against the boy if he should think the testimony sufficient to convict."

(signed) R. Munson
" Jno. P. Anthony

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Applications, to whom was referred the petition of Erastus Smith to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal, reported that they had made the necessary enquiry and reported as their opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted—which was approved and on motion it was resolved that he be appointed to said Office.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner [309] respecting Lime Houses, reported the following Resolution

" Resolved. that Lime Houses be permitted to remain in the Streets of this City until the first day of December in each year subject to the existing regulations except in cases where the buildings are under roof before that time "

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which Resolution was adopted.

The Committee of the Board of Health, to whom had been referred an account of Napthali Phillips proprietor of the National Advocate with directions to report thereon to the Common Council, reported:

" That the account of Mr. Phillips is composed of several charges for publishing the address of the Board of Health and a Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor under the Health Law from the year 1813 to 1818 inclusive. The items are charged at the usual and customary rates and amount in all to the sum of $106.87½. It appears that Mr. Phillips has acted under the impression that these advertisements were included in the annual allowance made by the Corporation for publishing their Laws &c. and therefore neglected [310] to present the bill sooner. But upon investigation your Committee find that bills of other printers in the employment of the Corporation have uniformly been paid for advertisements of the same description in addition to their annual allowance. How far this practice has been correct your Committee do not feel themselves called upon to say:—but since others have been compensated for similar services they can preceive no reason to withhold it from Mr. Phillips. They therefore submit the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Comptroller present a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favor of Mr. Naphtali Phillips for One hundred and six dollars and eighty seven cents."

(signed) E. W. King
" John Morss

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred that part of the Street Commissioner's Communication recommending the erection of an Engine House on a lot of ground reserved for that purpose at the Albany Basin, reported: " That in their opinion a [311] house ought to be erected on the said Lot, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to erect an Engine house on said lot of ground at the Albany Basin."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

Alderman Munson presented an Ordinance to amend the Law relative to Hackney Coaches and Carriages—which was read and passed.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Committee on Weighmasters, to whom was referred a Communication from a Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, be instructed to invite the gentlemen composing that Committee to a conference on the subject of said Communication."

Alderman Munson presented the following:

" Resolved—that the Comptroller prepare a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favor of the Widow Taylor whose husband was killed at a late fire in this City for Sixty dollars being a donation for One year from this Corporation [312] while she remains a Widow." which was agreed to and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury—26th October	8023.68	
Recd for Tax of 1818—1st and 8th wards	5500.	
" " Streets	2220.17	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	120.25	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	483.	16,847.10

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st District	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do	413.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House and Officers—1 qr. Salary 1st instant	625.	
Danl H. Magee—Keepr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 inst	46.50	
Astin & Cochran—Messengers— do. do.	60.	
W. J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr do. do.	54.	
Obadiah Ayres— do. do. do.	54.	
Saml Hutchings—St. Inspr do. do	54.	
Jonathan Weeden— do do do	54.	
Jordan Mott—Clock for Mayor's Office	110.	
Thos. P. Low—printing for Corporation—One quarter 1st instant	92.50	
[313] Estate Reub. Stevens—posting bills 1 qr. 1 inst	15.	
Danl Boyce—Arrears Tax refunded—error sale	13.81	
Jos. Leonard—Lists passengers—foreign and Coasting to 1st inst	62.50	
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspector—removing Nuisances—6 mo. 1st inst	29.75	
Jno. Ryker—paintg Engines Nos. 34 & 39	40.	
Danl Biggs—Work at Lamps—3 mo. 1 inst	42.50	
Silas Lord—Intt on 4 Bonds for Canal Street—1 year 18th Octr	590.63	
Gerardus Kuypers—Intt on Bond—one year 16th Octr	210.	
Geo. Lovett—on Act 3d Instalment piers Spring Street	2275.	
Sarah B. Payne—Awd Roosevelt St	9255.	
Amos Jones on acct of Contract—for making Road thro' 9th Avenue and 28th Street	900.	16,822.44
	Balance	$24.66

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock the 9th instant.

[314] In Common Council Nov. 9. 1818

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anth. L. Underhill
W. F. Van Amringe
John Morss
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
Jno. P. Anthony
Jno. J. Westervelt
Effing^{m} Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Allen Clark for permission to build Two Vaults in Broome Street was read and granted on the usual terms.

A petition of George Warner, for the purchase of a gore of ground on the North Side of Fourth Street adjoining his property was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[315] A Letter from Commodore Isaac Chauncey was received stating that the boundaries of the ground lately purchased by him at Hell Gate Ferry would, if run according to the lines of his Deed, include a part of the grounds occupied by the Corporation for their Ferry Stable and other grounds used for said Ferry, and requesting a Committee to arrange with him as to a cession from him for the uses of said Ferry. Whereupon it was referred to the Ferry Committee with authority to them to make such arrangements with Commodore Chauncey as they shall deem just and proper.

A Letter was received from Colonel Murray, stating that the Standard voted to his Regiment by the Common Council would be completed in about Ten days and suggesting the 25th instant as an appropriate day for the presentation. Whereupon it was referred to General Morton, the Clerk of the Common Council, to make arrangements on the Subject.

Petition of Isaac Gomez Jr. and of Mott Hicks for appointment of Weighmasters were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Alexander Carlow for remission of Fine for driving Two Trucks paying Licence but for one [316] was read and referred to the Attorney

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that 10th Avenue may be laid out and worked was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of *Haron* [Aaron] Henry recommended by a number of Inhabitants that the right of Ferrying from the Island between the States' Prison and Fort Gansevoort to Weehawk Landing may be granted to said Henry, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 6."

Jas. Shotwell—Cooper—Murray St. Third Ward vice Fisher E. Valentine—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 14"

Alexr Campbell—Clerk—159 Fulton St. 3d Ward vice Joseph C. Wright—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 18."

Wm S. Leggett Mercht. 56 Elizabeth St. 6th ward vice Townsend Cock. Resigned

Steph. R. Kirby—Account. 99 Lombardy—7 ward vice Phineas S. Bunting—Resigned

[317] Joseph Rushton Acct 124½ Chatham St. 6th ward vice John Willis—Deceased

"Fire Engine Company No. 24."

William Brown—Chair Maker—Beekman St. 2 ward vice Edward Duryea—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 27"

Balshazr Melick—Clerk—500 Greenwich St. 8th ward vice Wm Cranstoun—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Marvel Garrison—Cartman—Sullivan n. Broome 8th ward vice John Willett—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of property sold for Non payment of Assessments

1	Part of Susan Street—Owner unknown—Sold to James Vincent for 40 years	173.63
2	Piece of Land belonging to John Decatur sold to John Irving for 35 years	195.05
3	piece of land belonging to Hyder Somerindyke sold to Wm L. Van Zandt—for 17 years	64.61

4	piece of land belonging to Hyder Somerindyke sold to John Irving for 28 years	128.17
7	piece of land belonging to Heirs of Dav^{d} A. Fowler sold to John Irving for 40 years	134.25
8	Two Lots belonging to Charles Debevoise sold to Benjamin Ferris for 2 years	414.39
10.	[318] Four Lots belonging to Patrick Faghen sold to John J. Stewart for 1 year	22.32
13	Three Lots belonging to C. or R. Dickenson sold to Oliver Wilcox for 5 years	495.20
14	—One Lot belonging to Jno. R. Livingston M^{c}Carty Lessee—to J. R. Livingston for 10 years	393.17
16	Four Lots—belonging to Solomon Wheeler—sold to W^{m} Paulding Jr. for 1 year	185.29
17	One Lot—belonging to Estate of Ready—sold to Jarvis Lockwood for 2 years	65.21
18	One Lot belonging to Estate of Ready—sold to Thomas Mooney for 8 years	67.80
20	One Lot belonging to Unknown Owner—sold to Henry Abel for 14 years	63.95
21	Three Lots belonging to John Fiora—sold to W^{m} L. Van Zandt for 2 years	255.65

The above property was all sold subject to payment of the Back Taxes—also subject to Tax of the present year and to the United States' Tax, if any

(signed) Jno. M^{c}Comb
St. Comm^{r}

which was directed to be filed.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed —Viz for regulating Fourth [319] Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood & Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors—and for paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for paving Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank Street—which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances: which were passed: Viz

1	Jno. Beekman	Own.	Eldridge St.	Lot
2	Jno. B. Thorpe	Own.	14 Thames St.	do.
	Mrs. Duplex	Occ.		
3	John Bingham	Own.	William & Pine Sts	Privy
	Mrs. Cooper	Occ.		

4	Dav. Brown	Own. & Occ.	22	Chrystie St.	Privy
5	Jno. Wiese	Les. & Occ.	25	do	do.
6	Jac. Van Pelt.	do. do.	26	do	do.
7	J. Varian	Own	32	do	do
	Mrs. Arnot	Occ.			
8	Joshua Seely	Own	1	Forsythe St.	do
	do	Occ			
9	[320] W^{m} Phebus	Own.	7	do	do
	R. Beatty	Occ.			
10.	J. Varian	Own.	11	do.	do
	I. Booker	Occ.			
11	S. Pontier	Own.	19	do	do
	J. Williams	Occ.			
12	F. Byington	Own. & Occ.	4.	Bayard St.	do
13	J. Harrison	Own.	6	do	do
	Mrs. C. Mercein	Occ.			
14	A. Paff	Own.	92	do	do
	Mrs. J. M^{c}Donald	Occ.			
15	A. Kleine	Own.	93	do	do
	J. B. Wetmore	Occ.			
16	T. Zebriskie	Own. & Occ.	53	Pump St.	do
17	C. Sutton	Own.	55	do	do
	W^{m} Little	Occ.			
18	John Martin	Own.	67	do	do
	G. Harper & J. Thompson	Occ.			
19	J. Nitchie	Own.	81	do	do
	J. A. Nuso	Occ.			
20	Jas. Williamson	Own. & Occ.	83	do	do
21	B^{n} Banks	do. do	13	Eldridge St.	do
22	Walter Scott	Les. & Occ.	14	do	do
23	Jac. Varian Own.	T. Prior Occ.	19	do	do
24	do	Own.	21	do	do
	Jno. Hendrickson	Occ.			
25	[321] W^{m} C. Hall	Own & Occ.	23	do	do
26	M. Noe	Own	26	do	do
	J. W. Whitlock	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Finance Committee, on the petition of William Vail, reported: "That the said lot is 25 feet front on Grand Street and 75 feet deep and was ceded to the Corporation by Abraham Cannon deceased for the benefit of said Ferry, that it has been entirely unproductive to the Corporation since its cession but being eligibly situated, it is presumed now that the Ferry is in successful operation it may be advantageously rented. The Committee propose the following Resolution on the subject of Mr. Vaile's application:

" Resolved that a Lease for the ground alluded to above be granted to William Vaile at the yearly rent of 50 dollars for a term of years to expire on the same day with the Lease of the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street—provided however that if the terms hereby offered are not accepted by the said Vaile previous to the 20th instant then this resolve to be void."

(signed) S. Allen R. Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved.

[322] The Counsel agreeably to the reference to him reported a Law entitled " A Law to prevent accidents from opening vaults "—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Counsel presented the following Report:

" That the Supreme Court have decided that it is unnecessary for them to interfere in the matter relative to the premises required for a Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip by granting a mandamus to the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon the Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Corporation; because if the Corporation had a right to discontinue these proceedings they have done it effectually, and if an action is commenced to recover the damages awarded by the Jury the matter may be taken advantage of by pleading it in defence of the suit."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the complaint of James Davidson against John Marschalk a City Weigher, reported: " That by the annexed Bill of Mr. Marschalk it appears that he did present a bill for fees not allowed by [323] law; and this circumstance unexplained or unaccounted for in any case should in the opinion of your Committee be considered good ground for the removal of any officer under the Board. But in the present case Mr. Marschalk acted under the new law, and it appears by the Tariff therein established that Moss (the article weighed) is twice enumerated, and at different prices, one price for loose Moss and another for Moss in Bales.

"The error made by the Weigher was in charging for Moss in Bales the price allowed for loose Moss. It appears this was the first instance of this Weighmaster's weighing Moss under the new Tariff, and he alleges that he had not then discovered that the same article was twice enumerated in the law, but that after making out his Bill and discovering this fact he did not collect the amount of fees as charged in his bill.

"Under these circumstances your Committee have considered that this Weighmaster has cleared himself from the imputation of receiving or designedly charging illegal fees."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which was received and ordered to be filed.

The Police Committee on petition of Nathan Jackson presented a Report which was referred back to same Committee.

[324] The Police Committee, on the Resolution respecting the extra allowance to Marshalls and Constables, reported: "That they have had the above subject under consideration and are of opinion that it is advisable to continue the extra allowance referred to in the above mentioned Resolution; but your Committee would respectfully state that inasmuch as the Watchmen are subject to the orders of the Special Justices your Committee are of opinion that the Constables and Marshalls ought not to be called out on Night duty more frequently than is absolutely necessary." The Committee beg leave to recommend that a Copy of this Report be handed by the Clerk of this Board to the Special Justices."

(signed) Thos. Bolton
" Steph. Allen
" Sam^{l} Stevens
" Leonard Kip
" George B. Thorp

which was approved.

Alderman Munson stated verbally that he had been requested to represent to the Board on the behalf of William Vandervoort, Reuben Wright and David D. Crane, whose resignations as Weighmasters had been lately accepted by the Board, [325] that it was far from their intention to have subscribed any Memorial to the Board which contained matter any way desrespectful to the Board and that they were not aware that the said Memorial subscribed by them was couched in such terms and that they requested to be reinstated in their said Offices of Weighmasters. Whereupon it was Resolved that the said William

Vandervoort, Reuben Wright and David D. Crane be and are hereby appointed to the office of Weighmasters.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to. Viz.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to enquire and report to the Board whether, in the event of property being sold for the non-payment of Taxes or Assessments and it afterwards appearing by the production of the receipt of the Collector that such tax or assessment has been duly paid previous to such sale, the Corporation can maintain an action against such collector for the amount at which said property was sold together with the expences attending the same."

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the accustomed arrangements for celebration [326] of the Anniversary of the 25th November, being the day on which the British Army finally evacuted this City in the year 1782. Viz. Aldn Buckmaster Aldn Taylor Aldn Thorp Messrs. Anthony Akerly.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d instant	$24.66	
Recd For Tax of 1818—1st 2d & 10th wards	7500.	
" " Rents	2879.72	
" " Streets	3675.18	
" " Common Lands sold	870.92	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Arrears of Tax	400.	
" " Wells & Pumps	225.79	
" " 70th Street	69.14	
" " Excise	58.62	16,204.03

Accounts Audited.

N. Phillips—printg Board Health in National Advocate	106.87
Helen Taylor—Donation for 1 year to 1st May 1819	60.
[327] Matt. Crosby—for 26 Casks Oil	1661.
Geo. Snethen—Sup. & light. Lamps—1 mo. 1 ins	772.03
Pet. Debaum—acct regg Hudson St	1000.
Chs. Mooney—act repavg Depeyster St	400.
do. pavg Pine St. from Pearl to South St	400.
Jno. Stanley—regg Bond St. fr. B'Way to Bowery	300.
Chs. Mooney—acct repavg Water St	200.
do. do. do Front St	200.
Terce Tiffany—act regg Sheriff St	200.
Jas. Pinkerton—pavg Frankfort St. from Pearl to near Gold Street	200.
Davd West—pavg Oak St. from Oliver to Catharine	144.67
Jas. Pinkerton—repairg Intersections	13.29

J. McComb—St. Comr to pay for earth to fill basin at Charlton St	500.	
Robt Pettigrew—act Well in 2d Avenue	84.56	
Hen. Voorhies—balce do. McDougal St.	52.75	
Robt. Pettigrew— do. Laight St	36.13	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Repairs	700.	
do. reprs. Lamps in Octr	70.	
W. Fish—Treasr on act 25th dividend City Stock due 1st inst.	8000.	
Rich. Furman—Supt Alms' house	1100.	16,201.34
	Balance	$2.69

Adjourned to meet Monday next at 5 o'clock.

[328] In Common Council Nov. 16. 1818.

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Saml. Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Saml. Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Samuel Helms for an Appointment of Inspector of Firewood was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Turner for remission of fine incurred by commencing the digging of a Vault in the Street contrary to the law in that case made and provided, stating that having lately removed into the City he was ignorant of the law on the subject. Whereupon it was resolved that [329] the same be referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Egenton, stating that Leonard Street had been paved in an unworkmanlike manner and praying to be permitted to have the Street in front of his houses repaved at his own expence—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Carmine Street stating that the Sewer which carried off the Water of the Manetta Brook was nearly closed up, and praying that a Sewer of durable materials may be constructed was read and referred to the former Committee on Greenwich Village.

A Petition of George J. Duryee for grant of a Ferry from foot of Spring Street to Hoboken—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Thomas L. Ogden and others praying a regulation of the Foot-walks in Nassau Street was read and referred to Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Pump at the corner of Bleecker and [330] McDougall Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of Amos Bacon praying remission of fine under the law respecting Cartmen was read and a motion made to refer it to a Special Committee which was lost. It was then agreed to be referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Effingham Marsh for Stall No. 57 in Fly Market at present occupied by Jacob Manold who was willing to relinquish the same—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from Charles Christian Esqr. one of the Police Magistrates explaining the cause why the Police Officers had been employed by the Police Justices in taking up disorderly persons at night instead of the Watchmen—was read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition of John J. Vanderpool Keeper of the Steam Boat Hotel No. 1 Washington Street praying for the accommodation of passengers travelling in the Steam Boat that he may be permit- [331] ted to keep the doors of his Grocery Store open on Sunday was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

Jas. Patterson—Cooper—9 Front Street—1st ward—vice Frederick Pentz—Resigned.

Allen McDougall—Cooper—32 Old Slip—1st ward—vice Thomas Bletcher—Resigned.

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 1.	Moses Marsh—Builder No. 51 White St. 5 ward.	v. Gilbert Hyslop—Removed.
	Jno. Dennis—Sash Maker No. 60 Provost St. 5 ward.	v. John Bush—Expelled

No. 5	Wm H. Oliver—Hatter— 96 Water St. 1st Ward.	v. Church Miller—Resigned.
No. 10.	Fisher F. Valentine—Grocer 3d Avenue c. Bowery 10 ward	v. Nicholas Cromer—Resigned
No. 13.	Jno. Ridley, Engraver— 5 Bancker St. 4th ward	v. John Leonard—Resigned.
	Robt. Cromwell—Merchant 22 Oak St. 4th ward	An Additional Member
No. 17.	Daniel Dyke Jr. Shipwright 62 Chrystie St. 10th ward	v. Josep Haviland—Resigned.

[332] The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition on the 12th of October last praying that the Streets may be regulated to the North of the South line of the Commissioners, reported in favor of the petition and recommended that instructions be given to have a plan and Model made for regulating all the ground between North and 25th Streets in connection with the one already ordered for ground to the Northward of Greenwich Village—Whereupon said Report was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Munson Underhill McQueen Messrs. Bolton Kip.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street and for paving Vestry Street from Washington Street to near Hudson Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an assessment for a Well and [333] Pump in the Second Avenue—which was laid for consideration.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed—Viz

1	Wm Rhinelander	Own.	55 Chrystie St.	Lot
2	Mrs. Jane Feamster	do.	52 Pump St.	do.
3	J. E. Millet	Own.	5 Jacob St.	do.
	P. Brown	Occ.		
4	John Tait	Own.	74 Pump St.	Privy
	John Price	Occ.		
5	David Bryson	Own.	8 Frankfort St.	do
	B. Horton	Occ.		
6	Geo. W. Dean	Les. & Occ.	33 Eldridge St.	do.
7	David Lambert	Own. & Occ.	35 do.	do.
8	John Hecker	do. do.	128 Hester	do.
9	B. Farrington	Own.	140 do.	do.
	E. Farrington	Occ.		

10	Rowland Powel	Les. & Occ.	43	Forsythe	Privy
11	P. Crawbuck	Own.	45	do.	do.
	W^m Ryan	Occ.			
12	Jas. Forrest	Own. & Occ.	49	do.	do.
13	H. Sherrer	Own.	53	do	do.
	S. Cutler	Occ.			
14	H. Sherrer	Own.	55	do.	do.
	A. Sherrer	Occ.			
15	[334] J. Feamster	Own.	52	Pump St.	do
	Jno. Feamster	Occ.			
16	Hester Martin	Les. & Occ.	56.	do.	do.
17	M. Dixon	do. do.	56	do.	do
18	W^m Shepard	do. do.	56	do.	do.
19	Lawrence Sinclair	Own. & Oc.	58	do.	do
20	Benj. Woods.	Les. & Occ.	68	do.	do
21	F. Gantz	Own.	76	do.	do
	R. Arthur	Occ.			
22	E. Valentine	Own.	80	do.	do
	A. Bassford	Occ.			
23	T. Cooper	Own.	46	Chrystie St.	do
	J. Tomlinson	Occ.			
24	J. Quackenbos	Own.	48	do	do
	Jas. Couenhoven	Occ.			
25	J. Quackenboss	Own.	50	do.	do
	W^m Murter	Occ.			
26	W. Rhinelander	Own.	55	do.	do
	W^m Abial	Occ.			
27	Jno. P. Baker	Own.	57	do.	do
	H. M^{c}Kay	Occ.			
28	Dav. Grim	Own. & Occ.	58	do.	do
29	Geo. Harsin Jr.	do. do.	60	do	do
30	Jac. Hesch	do. do.	60	do.	do
31	Dav. Raymer	do. do.	64	do	do

(signed) G. Cuming—C. Insp^r

[335] The Counsel, to whom it was referred to enquire and report to the Board whether in the event of property being sold for the non-payment of taxes and Assessments and it afterwards appearing by the production of the receipt of the Collector that such Tax or Assessment has been duly paid previous to such sale the Corporation can maintain an action against such Collector for the amount at which

said property was sold together with the expences attending the same—Reported:—"That he has duly considered the case submitted to him and is of opinion that the Corporation can maintain an action against such Collector for the amount for which property was sold under such circumstances together with the expences attending the same."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented draught Certificates of the sale of certain lots of ground by the Street Commissioner on the 3d day of November instant for Arrears due for Assessments, which certificates were drawn in pursuance of instructions from the Street Commissioner. Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

[336] The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of property which had been sold on Lease for default in payment of Assessment, the term of years for which said lands had been leased having expired and yet were retained in possession by the Lessees—also in relation to the Tax on Quakers in lieu of military duty, and on the subject of Assessments for personal Estates—which was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of Applications to the Legislature.

The Attorney, on the petition of Luke Gillen, reported:—"That a Complaint was made at his Office against the said Gillen for selling liquor without license on various different times and also selling on Sunday: that Gillen denied the charge: a suit was commenced in the 3d Ward Justices' Court for selling liquor without licence: the cause was tried and judgment given against the said Gillen for Thirty seven dollars fifty cents."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) A. Sherman
Attorney

which was directed to be filed.

[337] The Attorney, on the petition of Alexander Carlow, reported: "That as stated in the said petition a complaint was made against him for driving Two Trucks under One Licence and One number: that a Suit was commenced and a judgment entered against him by default and in the evidence of the Cartman who complained: that he has enquired into the circumstances set forth in the petition and has ascertained that he had the verbal permission of the late Mayor, Mr. Radcliff, to continue driving his Two Trucks as stated, which may have led him into an error, and as he has discontinued

driving one of the said Trucks he recommends a remission of the penalty on payment of costs."

Respectfully Submitted
(Signed) A. Sherman

which was approved and the fine directed to be remitted.

The Lamp Committee, on the petition for placing lamps in the First Avenue—Reported:

" That for some Twelve or more years past lamps have been put in the Bowery and Broadway as far up as Art Street and so down to Greenwich Village, and a considerable number are in the 9th Ward that were in the 10th owing to the [338] boundary of the 9th coming down to 6th Street from Stuyvesant Street making more lamps in the 9th ward than there were formerly, and of course a part of those lamps named in this Report will be in the 9th ward and as that ward pay no Tax for lamps your Committee would suggest whether it would not be proper that application should be made to the next Legislature to alter the law so that the 9th Ward should pay in proportion the same as the other wards. Your Committee offer the following:

" Resolved that lamps be put up at the corner of each Intersection from First to Eighth Street in the First Avenue.

" Resolved that application be made to the Legislature at the next Session to alter the law respecting Lamps so as to include so much of the Ninth Ward as may from time to time be lighted and watched."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Road Committee, on the petition for working a part of the Tenth Avenue, present- [339] ed a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, on the petition of Benjamin Dearborn, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Sarah Beach, Reported:— " That a Committee of the Corporation of 1817 in a certain Report, dated the day of 1817, among other things recommended the ascertaining the latitude of the City Hall which when accurately taken should hereafter be considered as the latitude of the City of New York. The aforesaid recommendation was approved and ordered to be carried into effect under the direction of the Committee. Captain Jesse Beach, the husband of the petitioner, offered his services as stated in the petition and after comparing his several observations of the heavenly bodies he determined the latitude to be 40° 42′ 43″ which is introduced on the last Map of the City as published by Mr. Longworth. Mr. Beach died without asking for the compensation which appears to be due to him. His Widow therefore applies for remuneration of those Services which her husband's death prevented him from [340] seeking. Wherefore, in consideration of his services, the Committee recommend that Thirty dollars be paid to his widow, and for that purpose offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Thirty dollars be given to Sarah Beach, the Widow of Captain Jesse Beach, in consideration of the services of the latter in ascertaining the latitude of the City Hall in August 1817 and that a Warrant pass for the same."

(Signed) Saml. Akerly
" John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" E. W. King

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition of Solomon Seixas, reported: That said Seixas has hired a Store in Wall Street and pays a heavy rent and has a very large family to support who rely wholly on his business, and that he only wishes the privilege until the 1st of May next when he will provide a place to sell within doors. Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Solomon Seixas be permit- [341] ted to sell goods at Auction in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets until the 1st day of May next, provided he does not incommode the Side Walks nor so much of the Street as to prevent the free passage of Carts, &c.

(Signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution:

" Whereas the Lessee of the Hoorn's Hook Ferry is largely indebted to the Corporation for rent of the Said Ferry and is Supposed to be unable to pay the same, Resolved that the Counsel of this Board take the necessary legal measures to reenter into the Said demised premises.

which was agreed to.

Alderman Underhill presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report to this Board if any deficiency exists on the part of the person employed by the Corporation in regulating the Clocks of this City"—which was agreed to, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[342] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 9th inst	$2.69	
Received for Rents	4216.45	
" Tax of 1818—2d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th wds	6250.	
" Streets	700.	11,169.14

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	413.	
Jno. McComb—St. Comr 1 qr. Sal. 12 Oct	500.	
G. N. Bleecker—Comptr 1 qr. do. 15 ins	500.	
Jac. Morton—Clerk C. C. &c. do. 1 inst	312.50	
Wm Hoghland, Keeper of Penitentiary and 3 assistants—1 qr. 1st instant	587.50	
G. Sickels—Keeper of City Prison and 2 assistants 1 qr 1 instant	350.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Reprs—one quarter 14th instant	225.	
Richd Walker—Physician to prison, Jail &c. 6 mo. 1st inst	125.	
Jno. Burger—regg 4 Public Clocks—One quarter 1st instant	66.66	
Andw McCready—Keeper of Park—One Month 1st instant.	46.50	
Jno. Sidell—1st Marshall to pay officers executing Dog Law	168.	
[343] Geo. Lovett—balance of 3d Instalment Piers at Spring *Spring* Street	1200.	
Benjamin Hill—on act filling basin at Dey Street	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs for Reprs. Piers Nos. 7 & 19 E. River	925.	
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. to pay bills for Engine House Greenwich	351.25	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' House	1050.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House—for working 3d Avenue	2000.	11,145.66
	Balance	$23.48

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[344] In Common Council, Nov. 23. 1818

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The following Communication respecting the Parade of the 25th was read & ordered to be filed:

"General Morton begs leave to inform the Honorable the Corporation that the Troops assembled on the 25th instant in commemoration of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops in 1783 will form the Line in Hudson Street and be reviewed at 11 o'clock and will [345] pass the Hall where the marching Salute will be received by the Commander in Chief at a little before 12 o'clock.

Nov. 23. 1818.

The following Communication respecting the presentation of the Standard voted to the Regiment under command of Colonel Murray was presented and read: Viz—"The Subscriber, to whom was referred the Arrangement respecting the presentation of the Standard voted to the Regiment of Artillery under the command of Colonel Murray, respectfully reports: That he has had a Communication with the Commandant of that Regiment and, as the presentation on the 25th would interfere with the military duties of that day, they would wish, if it is agreeable to the Corporation that the presentation be made on the 1st day of January next." respectfully submitted

(signed) J. Morton.

whereupon resolved that the Standard be presented on the First day of January next.

A Letter from Richard Platt Esqr. on behalf of a Committee of the Society of the Cincinnati, requesting the Members of the Common Council to sanction an Application of sundry citizens to Congress in [346] which they recommend relief to be extended to the Surv[iv]ing officers of the Revolutionary Army by making good to them under certain regulations the promise made to them by resolutions of Congress in 1779, 1780 and 1781 of half pay during life, was presented & read. Whereupon it was resolved that the same be left in the hands of the Clerk of Common Council for the signatures of the members who wish to subscribe the same.

A Petition of James Latourettee and of Thomas C. Doremus, complaining of an undue Assessment upon them for personal Tax and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Henry Dusenberry and others, Lessees of Cellars under Washington Market, stating that they have received orders from the Fire Wardens to remove the Stoves erected by them in the said cellars, and praying relief, was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Communication from the Society for the [347] promotion of Industry, praying the advice of the Board as to the mode of employment of the objects of the Society's care and for further pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of John Fitzgerald, stating that a complaint has been made to the Attorney of the Board against him for selling liquor without licence; that a short time since he received a note from J. L. Graham Esqr. directing him to call on him and pay a fine for Selling liquor without license, which he complied with and paid the Sum of Ten Dollars; and that the present complaint to the Attorney is for the Same offence, and praying the interference of the Board—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

The following Communication was received from D. S. Jones (late Counsel of the Board) Viz:

" The Subscriber has the honor to communicate to the Common Council that the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in the case of Varick Street made report of their Estimate and Assessment in the premises at the late October term of the said Court—and that the report was confirmed by the said Court on the 22^{d} day of October.

[348] " The legal proceedings being thus completed the Common Council may direct the improvement to be carried into effect as soon as in their judgment it may be expedient.

" An Abstract of the Assessment has been furnished by the Subscriber to the Street Commissioner, for the collection of which Assessment a Collector must be appointed by the Common Council."

(signed) D. S. Jones

whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

A petition on behalf of the First Baptist Church and of the Methodist Church was received stating that the Burying grounds belonging to their respective churches had been Assessed toward the expences of a Well and Pump in the Second Avenue and praying to be relieved therefrom—whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Isaac Labagh Jr. for appointment of Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of James Hunt requesting the Board [349] to Settle a difference which existed as to the Bounds of the Ninth and Tenth Wood Inspection Districts—was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

A Communication from John G. Betts, Weighmaster General, on the subject of his Department, was read and referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A Petition of John Keyser for Stall No. 55 Fly Market and one from Margaret Sauters for a Huckster's Stand in Washington Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a Vault at the corner of Broadway & Read Street, was read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, stating that a youth named James Kelley, a pauper in the Alms' House, was deaf & dumb, that the Directors were willing to afford him instruction, and requesting he may be permitted to attend for that purpose—which was read and referred to the Committee [350] on the Alms House with authority to act in the premises as they should judge advisable.

A petition of John Cannon for remission of fine incurred under the law prohibiting the hanging of cloths in the Streets was read and referred to the City Inspector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed

1	Steph. Parret	Owner.	19 Henry St.	Lot
2	Benj. Berrian	Own & Occ.	80 Hester St.	Privy

3	P. Ebert	Own	15 Essex St.	Privy
	Jno. Luckey	Occ.		
4	Ezek^{l} Bishop	Own. & Occ	19 do.	do.
5	J. Sherwood	Own.	34 Eldridge St.	do.
	J. Osborn	Occ.		
6	W^{m} Tucker	Les. & Occ.	52 do.	do.
7	J. Remer	do. do.	54 do.	do.
8	Widow Shultz	Own.	37 Allen St.	do.
	Jas. Miller	Occ		
9	A. M^{c}Beth	Own. & Occ.	18 Orchard St.	do
10	J. Watts	Own.	20 do.	do
	D. Smith	Occ.		
11	E. M^{c}Beth	Own	32 do	do
	do	Occ.		
12	[351] D. Lewis	Own.	40 do	do
	E. Webb	Occ.		
13	Jno. Allen	Own. & Occ.	46 Allen St.	do.
14	Mrs. C. Norton	Les.	50 do.	do.
	W^{m}Lownes	Occ.		
15	Mrs. C. Norton	Les. & Occ.	52 do.	do.
16	T. Skillman	Own.	38 Pump St.	do.
	Mrs. M. Cornell	Occ.		
17	R. Bloodgood	Own	4 do.	do.
	Sam^{l} Ross	Occ.		
18	T. Lewis	Own.	8 do.	do.
	David Key	Occ.		
19	H. Disbrow	Own.	12 do.	do.
	Jas. Rhodes.	Occ.		
20	Mrs. C. Galloway	O. & Oc.	14 do.	do
21	Geo. Black.	Own.	20 do.	do.
	Ira Munson	Occ.		
22	C. Williams	Own.	22 do.	do
	Hen^{y} Wade	Occ.		
23	Jas. Knox	Own.	30 do.	do.
	P. Dooley	Occ.		
24	Jas. Egerton	Own.	7 Ludlow St.	do
	S. Helmes J. Sheedy & P. Whaley	Occ.		
25	Jno. Lawrence	Own.	8 do	do
	M. West	Occ.		

26	[352] Jas. Egerton Wm Lee	Own Occ.	9	Ludlow St.	Privy
27	Jno. Lawrence Widow Adair	Own. Occ.	10	do.	do.
28	R. Wilson J. Washburn	Own. Occ.	18	do.	do.
29	R. Romaine	O. & Occ.	20	do	do.
30	J. Williams. R. Cropsey.	Own. Occ.	26	do.	do.
31	J. Emmons S. Vail	Own. Occ.	30	do.	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the Seventh Ward."

Job Furman Lumber Mercht. Jefferson St. 7th Ward—vice James Duboise Resigned.

"Fire Warden of Tenth Ward."

Jas. Bagley, Carpenter—8 Eldridge St. 10th ward—vice Jno. White Jr. Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Horace Cole, Cartman. 27 Chesnut St. 4th Ward—vice Jonathan Labagh. resigned.

[353] "Fire Engine Company No. 21."

Peter Aims—Mechanic—14 Spruce St. 2d Ward—vice Benjn M. Birdsall, removed

Saml Low—Mechanic—4 Crane Wharf, 2d Ward vice William Wright—Removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 26."

Jos. W. Rogers, Founder, 128 Henry Street—7th Ward vice Job Furman—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 29."

Hen. Hutchison—grocer—Charles c. Washington—9 ward—vice Ralph Vanhouten—Removed

Richd Amos Jr. Mercht. Christopher c. Greenwich, 9 W. vice John Vermilyea—Removed

Edwd McKee—grocer—Hammond c. Greenwich—9 wd—vice Peter Demarest—Removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 33"

Dan^{l} S. Robertson—Mason—Grand St. 10 ward—vice Samuel Cook—Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company No. 37."

W^{m} Benedict—Black Smith—Water n. Scammel St. 7 w^{d} vice John Scott—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed—Viz—for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street near M^{c}-Dougall Street, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were [354] appointed Assessors: for a Well and Bump in Willett Street, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for regulating Mercer Street from Bleecker Street to Amity Street and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for regulating North Street from Chrystie Street to Willet Street and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on Assessments for repaving Bancker Street, for a Well and pump in Reade Street and for a Well and pump in Third Street, and Warrants were directed to issue to Morris De Camp the Collector to collect the same—Also a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Pump Street. for a Well and pump in Orange Street and for one in Crosby Street and Warrants were directed to issue to N. Jarvis Collector for collecting the Same.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and the following Collectors appointed—Viz—for paving Jacob Street from Frankfort to Ferry Street and for curbing & gravelling [355] Side walks in Washington Street from Le Roy to Hammond Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector: for regulating and repaving Spring Street, from Wooster to Thompson Street, and for paving Beaver Street from Broad Street to William Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Counsel presented Four Certificates for lands Sold for Taxes which were directed to be duly executed, namely Lots No. 19 & 21 Cliff Street & 68 Maiden Lane to Danl. Boardman No. 61 Beekman St. to Philip Brasher and 283 Water St. to Robert Nichols

The Special Committee. to whom was referred the petition of Several guagers of Domestic Spirits, reported:

"That they have examined the Same together with the papers hereunto annexed, from which it appears that they complain more of the conduct of the Inspector of Domestic Spirits and his Deputy than against any Ordinance of the Corporation.

The Committee are informed that the Inspector is appointed by the Council of Appointment and not Subject to the order of this Board: They are therefore of opinion it would be inexpedient for the Common Council to interfere. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the petitioners complaining of the conduct of the Inspectors of Domestic [356] Spirits have leave to withdraw their petition and the documents which accompany the same."

(signed) Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" E. W. King
" David Board
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Attorney presented a Communication stating that he had been directed by the board to prosecute on the recognizance of Frances Hamlin an Innkeeper; that upon applying to the Police for the recognizance he was informed by the Police Magistrates that they had given the Same to John L. Graham Esqr. for prosecution whom they had constituted their Attorney for that purpose—and he referred the case to the Board in order that the course of proceedings in such cases may be understood & settled. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature presented a report in part which was read and the consideration postponed and [357] copies directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Communication from George Warner, reported:

" That the said pi[e]ce of land is 2 feet in front on the Bowery, 26 feet in the rear and about 500 feet deep, extending along Fourth Street and adjoins the property of Mr. Warner on the North: That the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening Fourth Street have assessed the value, together with the improvement of said gore, at 2479 dollars, to be paid by the Corporation.

" The Committee in deciding on this Subject have not attempted to investigate the correctness of the Assessment but have acted on the general principle that in all cases where the Commissioners have fixed the value of land to be paid by the Corporation no private sale of such land ought to be made, unless the value thus fixed is paid by the purchaser. They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Deed to Mr. George Warner for the piece of land alluded to in the foregoing Report, provided he shall, on or before the 10th day of December next, pay to the Corporation the sum of Twenty [358] four hundred and Seventy nine dollars, and not otherwise."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Saml. Akerly
" Reubn Munson
" Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

A Resolution, proposing to*

The Doors were then Opened.

The Report of the Road Committee on opening the Tenth Avenue was called up and after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed and the Report laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury Novr 16	$23.48	
Recd for Tax 1818. 1st & 2d Wards	6500.	
" " Street Manure	4250.	
" " Streets	2178.78	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
[359]" " 3d Avenue	108.	
" " 8th Avenue	391.39	
" " 10th Avenue	259.21	13,810.86

Accounts Audited.

Henry Shiels—New Watch Caps and repairing for First District	249.14
Jonathan Pinkney—City Intendant—1 qr's Salary 19th instant	250.
Wm S. Smith—Collector City Revenue 1 qr's Salary 22d inst. &c	201.50
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer—1 qr's Salary 18th instant	200.00
B. Skaats—Keeper of City Hall—1 qr's Salary 24th inst.	100.
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread—1 qr's Salary 17th instant	91.25

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* Space left but no resolution inserted.—ED.

B. Skaats—Expences of Corporation &c. 1 qr. 24th instant..	206.96	
John Place—Manure for the Park	83.	
Sarah Beach—Services of her husband Jesse Beach in ascertng Latitude City Hall	30.	
B. O'Blenis—to pay Officers conveying prisoners to City prison &c. 6 mo. 1 inst	248.12	
Hugh Smith act paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer Street	400.	
Jno. Stanley—bal. regg Bond St	260.92	
[360] O. Edwards, Attorney's fees & Court Charges opening Anthony Street	363.47	
Chs. Mooney—Act paving Pine St	200.	
Jas. Meghan—Act. pavg Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St	200.	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Bowling Green St	100.	
Tucker & Mabie—repairing Drain Oak St	89.25	
Jas. Meghan—repairg Intersections Streets	27.75	
Jno. Gallagher—1st instalt Well Willett St	39.24	
R. Pettigrew—bal. Well in Spring St	37.13	
Higgins & Parks—fillg at Rutger's Slip	600.	
John Anderson ½ expences reprg piers 2 & 4 East River...	590.74	
Pet. M. Allison—bal. 1st Instal. pier Oliver St	475.	
do. act. 2d do. do. do.	1025.	
Thos. McCready—delivg Tickets Charlton St. Basin	60.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days 15 ins	48.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. to pay Workmen Yard	600.	
W. Fish Treasr—to pay 25th Dividend City Stock due 1st inst Balance	4000.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House	3000.	13,776.47
	Balance	$34.39

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[361] In Common Council Nov. 30. 1818

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Approved

A petition of John D. Crawbuck for Stall No. 55 Fly Market—of Daniel Winship Jr. and of George Messerve for Stall No. 55 or 57 Fly Market—and of George Underhill for a Stall in Grand Street Market at Corlaers' Hook were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of James Anderson for permission to construct a Vault in front of No. 135 Broadway was granted on usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

[362] A petition of John Dewitt for remission of fine for running his horse in the Streets beyond the speed allowed by law was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward, complaining that there was no place assigned in said Ward where public sales at auction might be held, which was an inconvenience to the Inhabitants and praying that the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets near the Spring Street Market may be assigned for such purpose was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of Henry Gahn was received—stating that Ursula Matuet Jouette, a French Lady formerly of the Island of St. Domingo, died intestate in New York on the 9th of August 1807: that the City Treasurer administered upon her Estate and returned for the Corporation the sum of $287.98 cents which remained in his hands after the payment of her debts: that one half of this amount was in the year 1815 paid over by order of the Corporation to Mr. La Forgue of this City as Attorney for the Widow Magnan [363] one of the children of the deceased Mrs. Jouettee: that by the documents accompanying the petition authenticated by the American Consul at Paris (Isaac Cox Barnet Esqr.) it appears said Mrs. Jouette had only one other child Louis Matthias Jouette who, together with Monsieur Manni the present husband of Mrs. Magnan, has executed a power of Attorney to petitioner to demand and receive all the property of said Intestate Mrs. Jouette and praying that the said sum remaining in the Treasurer's hands may be paid over to him. Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller and the Public Administrator.

A petition from John Low, brother of Thomas Low deceased late printer to the Corporation, in behalf of the Widow and Sisters of the said Thomas P. Low deceased, praying that the printing business of the Corporation may be given to Elizabeth and Esther R. Low or to John Low and a petition from Messrs. Southwick and Pelsue praying to be appointed printers to the Corporation—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward complaining of the operation of the [364] Dog Law and praying relief therefrom was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Jacob Smith was received stating that some time since he made application to the Board respecting a Machine invented by him for the purpose of throwing down chimneys and Walls left Standing after the buildings had been destroyed by fire; that a large machine had been made on his model, had been put in operation and, as he understood, had been approved of, but that no report had been made on the Subject, and praying a report may be called for—which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel of the Board reported:

"That the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to estimate the value of the premises between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, which are required for a Site for a Market, have completed the Estimate of the value of that property and have delivered it to the Counsel for the purpose of preparing a Report to the Supreme Court but that they have not made [365] any Assessments upon any property for benefits which may be conferred upon it in consequence of occupying those premises for a public Market. Under these circumstances the Counsel feels himself at a loss to decide whether he ought to prepare the report or not and requests instructions from the Board on the Subject."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

whereupon the Counsel was directed to suspend preparing a report to the Supreme Court on behalf of the Assessors until the further order of the Board and that the communication be referred to the Committee on that Subject—Messrs. Stevens Anthony Westervelt Board Allen

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for cleaning and repairing the Drain in Batavia Street—which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and J. C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating *for regulating* Mercer Street from Bleecker to Amity Street—which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

[366] He also presented a Communication on the subject of opening Thompson Street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the petition of John Cannon, presented a report which was laid on the Table.

He also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1.	James Thompson	Own.		Batavia Lane	Lot
2	P. Fenton	Own.	16	Norfolk St.	Privy
	Jno. H. Snider	Occ.			
3	Wm Mitchell	Own.	21	Pearl St.	do.
4	J. Williams	Own.	8	Essex St.	do.
	Danl Glen	Occ.			
5	Beekman	Own	10	do.	do.
	J. Evans.	Occ.			
6	Philip Smith	Own. & Occ.	18	do.	do.
7	P. Egbert.	do. do.	17	Hester St.	do.
8	Wm Sutliff	do. do.	24	do.	do
9	do.	Own.	22	do.	do.
	N. Smalley	Occ.			
10	C. Mead.	Own	28	do.	do
	S. Hoit	Occ.			
11	Amos Clark.	Own. & Occ.	33	do	do
12	[367] C. Williams	Own. & Occ.	35	do	do
13	P. Fenton	Owner	36	do.	do
	N. Fitch	Occ.			
14	Abijah Barker	Own. & Occ.	39	do.	do.
15	Aaron Lucas.	do. do.	40	do.	do.
16	W. Howel	Own.	41	do.	do.
	D. Halsey	Occ.			
17	H. Wheeler	Les. & Occ.	44	do.	do.
18	P. Nott	do. do.	46	do.	do.
19	T. Cozley	Own. & Occ.	71	do.	do.
20	C. Polhemus	Own.	73	do.	do.
	D. Coit	Occ.			
21	C. Polhemus	Own. & Occ.	75	do.	do.
22	do.	Own.	77	do	do.
	Jas. Reynolds	Occ.			
23	P. Lorillard	Own	79	do.	do.
	E. Reynolds.	Occ.			
24	Jno. Rook	Own.	85	do.	do.
	A. Denniston	Occ.			
25	Widow Brane	Own	89	do.	do
	C. Heamer	Occ.			
26	Widow Brane	Own.	93	do.	do.
	Jas. Farrell	Agt.			
	Jno. P. Ciertain	Occ.			

27	Mrs. Duffie	Own.	109 Hester St.	Privy
	T. Howell	Occ.		
28	[368] Mrs. Duffie	Own.	113 do.	do.
	C. Anspake	Occ.		
29	E. Hoffman	Own. & Occ.	131 do.	do.
30	Darby Haggerty	Own.	14 Catharine Lane	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook & Ladder Company No. 2."

James Ransom—Carpenter—1 Oliver St. 4 ward—vice Isaac Carpenter—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 3."

James Brady—Coachmaker—Murray c. Greenwich Sts. vice William Sargeant Expelled

"Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Lewis Ellis—Baker—69 Scammel St. 10th Ward—vice John Oakley Resigned.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Nathan Jackson, reported:

"That they have enquired into the matters set forth in Mr. Jackson's petition and your Committee are Satisfied that the conduct of the Attorney of this Board has been correct and proper—but inasmuch as Mr. Jackson's case [369] appears to be extremely hard and as some of your Committee are doubtful whether this case comes within the Spirit of the Ordinance of this Board on that Subject they are of opinion that the petitioner ought to be relieved and they beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on payment of costs."

(signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Stevens
" Leonard Kip

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on petition of John Turner, reported:

"That they have enquired into the matters set forth in Mr. Turner's petition, and as this appears to be the first instance in which the petitioner has offended against this Ordinance they are of opinion that he ought to be relieved and they beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on payment of costs."

which was approved & the resolution agreed to.

[370] The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward on the petition of James Hunt, reported the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the 9th Wood District commence at the West end of the Dey Street pier and continue along the North Side of Said pier to the Bulkhead of West Street and to continue north along said Bulkhead until it meets Fulton Street pier—The 10th District to include both sides of the Fulton Street pier."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved & the resolution agreed to.

A Law to amend the Law to regulate the digging of Vaults and the construction of Cisterns in the Streets was presented, read & passed.

On motion, Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to consider and report as to the propriety and necessity of continuing to employ a Marshall to attend the Justices' Court at the expence of this Corporation.

On Motion of Mr. Stevens—Resolved that Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr. Mayor of the City [371] be requested to sit for his portrait for the Common Council and that the same be taken under the direction of the Committee on public Offices and be when completed placed in the Picture Gallery in the City Hall.

A Resolution that the Street Commissioner be authorised to fill up part of Herring Street and the Intersection of Asylum and Bank Streets was referred to the Street Committee to report.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Market Committee to enquire into the conduct of Samuel Gibbons Butcher in the lower Fly Market whose son attending the Stand in said Market is habitually abusive and offensive in his conduct—which was read and referred to the Market Committee to act in the premises.

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution which *which* was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature. The subject of said Resolution was to direct the Committee of Applications to consider and report on the expediency of an Application to the Legislature for a Law to change the time prescribed in the Charter for electing the Chamberlain or City Treasurer.

[372] This being the period prescribed by Charter for the election of Chamberlain or City Treasurer the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that Office, when on counting the ballots it appeared that Whitehead Fish Esqr. was duly reelected to that Office for the ensuing year. Whereupon the Clerk was directed to inform him of his appointment and to give the Sureties required by law, the same to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee of Finance.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Tresury 23d instant	$34.39	
Recd for Rents	1946.56	
" " Tax of 1818—8th Ward	500.	
" " Arrears of Tax	200.	
" " Common Lands	2302.01	
" " Streets	1640.14	= 6623.10

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st Dist	1118.25
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1 Dec	50.
Obadh Ayres— do. do.	50.
Saml Hutchings St. Inspr do.	50.
Jonathan Weeden— do. do.	50.
[373] Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 mo. 1 Dec	60.
Abm. Brevoort—Bread Inspt 1 qr. 21st Nov	94.30
Jno. Richardson—Attendg Justices' Court—1 qr. 1 Dec	57.75
George Bowen—Carriage hire for St. Comee	5.
Geo. Snethen—Supg & lightg Lamps—1 mo. 1 Dec	809.15
R. Stephens—Ast Clerk police 1 qr. 26th Nov	225.
Jno. Mullanphy—1 qr. rent Whf. Courtland St. 1 Nov	75.
Jno. Carlton—act. buildg Engine houses Rose St	1000.
Robt. Pettigrew—on act Well in Duane St	52.
Petr Debaum—on act regg Hudson St	617.88
Jas. Meghan—on act pavg Vestry St	200.
Jno. Stanley—on act—pavg Crosby St	200.
Jas. Pinkerton on act. pavg Jacob St	200.
P. Parcells—on act regulating Washington St. from Christopher to Bank St	200.
Jas. Meghan—act pavg Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St	200.
Terce Tiffany—on act regulatg Sheriff St	100.

Chs. Mooney—taking up pave^{ts} at Albany basin...........	85.75	
(error) Jas. Meghan—act. pav^{g} Greenwich St.............		
Jas. Meghan—pav^{g} Sidewalks. Elizabeth St Lien on Lot...	21.01	6616.59
	Balance	$6.51

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[374] In Common Council Dec. 7. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been requested by George Caines Esqr. to represent to the Board that he was desirous of receiving the countenance of the Board on the subject of lighting the City with Gas Light, wishing a Committee to be appointed to whom he might communicate his ideas on the subject—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[375] His Honor the Mayor reported the Calender of persons confined in the City Prison which had been furnished to him by the Keeper and stated that it did not require any particular observations from him: he would merely observe that it was creditable to the Morals of the Community as the offences mentioned in the Calender were all of minor degree.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

A petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum, stating that a sale was made at Auction of Fourteen Lots of ground on Norfolk Street assessed for Taxes as the property of Dr. Nicholas Romaine; that at the time of Sale Seven were the property of J. J. Astor and Seven of William Cutting; and requesting Two Separate Certificates to be given to J. J. Astor for 7 Lots and one to S. Ludlum for 7 Lots who was the purchaser of the said Seven Lots belonging to

William Cutting—Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A petition of Henry Ward stating that he had been assessed for personal Tax in the First Ward & had paid the same; that he has also been Assessed in the Second Ward, and praying relief therefrom —was re- [376] ferred to the Comptroller to report.

A Petition of John Harriot for Stall No. 55 Fly Market—of James Weeden for Stall No. 55 or 57 same market: of Maria Manolt for continuance to her of Stall No. 57 owned by her husband now absent from the City on business, and of Samuel Weeks praying that Stall No. 55 Fly Market owned by his son who has left the City may be continued to him for One year—whereupon the same were referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Jacob Astor was received—stating that he had been assessed on Thirty one Lots of ground in the 7th ward lying on the West Side of Montgomery Street and running from Division to Lombardy Street and without examining into his Title has paid the Taxes thereon from 1812 to 1817—that he has recently discovered that but Thirteen of said Lots belong to him and praying to be refunded the money erroneously paid with interest thereon—whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Edward and Wm M. Hitchcock [377] Contractors for the Streets was received Stating that Some complaints have been made to the Attorney respecting the cleaning of the Streets which were, on receiving notice of them, immediately attended to; that, as the system on which they acted was a new one and considered in some measure as an experiment, some few omissions were to be expected: they therefore hoped the Common Council would remit the penalties should any have occurred—which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Communication was received from the Weighmaster General which was read and laid for consideration.

The following persons were appointed Fire Wardens & Firemen (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Warden of the First Ward."

Henry Rankin Grocer No. 3 Carlisle St. 1st ward vice Francis Cooper Removed

"Fire Warden of the 4th ward."

Eldad Holmes grocer 65 James Street 4th ward vice John P. Anthony Resigned

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 3."

Jno. Delamater Carpenter Vandam St. 8th ward vice George Smith Resigned.

Thomas Morgan Chair-maker Thompson St. 8th Ward vice P. P. Roome, Resigned.

[378] "Hook & Ladder Company No. 4."

Abraham Florentine Carpenter 4 Birmingham St. 7 wd vice Charles Morrell Resigned.

"Fire Engine Companies."

Number 6.

James Dobson Tinplater Vesey St. 3d ward vice Oliver A. White, Resigned

No. 11.

James Bloomer Mercht. 30 Water St. 1 ward vice Eli Traver Resigned

No. 12.

Wm Burras. Cabinet Maker 233 William 4 ward vice Peter Van Cott Resigned

Jacob Van Nostand Carpenter 1 Oliver St. 4 ward vice Benajah Strong Removed

Ebenezer Liddle, Chairgilder 233 William 4 ward vice James Turner Removed.

No. 33.

L. DeCoudris, Brass Founder, Cherry St. 7 ward—vice Thomas Price Removed

No. 34.

James Mills, Stone Cutter, Downing St. 8 ward—vice Philo Lewis Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances as follow—which Ordinances were passed:

1.	[379] G. Haight E. Tucker	Own. Occ.	80 Chrystie St.	Lot
2.	James Farrell Jno. P. Certain	Les. Occ.	93 Hester	Privy
3	Mrs. Duffy Jas. Howell	Own. Occ.	190 do.	do
4	Mrs. Duffy Mrs. Gardner	Own. Occ.	61 Eldridge	do.

5	Mrs. S. Ferris	Own. & Occ		Grand & Forsythe	Privy
6	W. M. Somers	do. do.		do.	do.
7	D. Rapelye T. Lecount	Own. Occ.		Grand c. Chrystie Sts	do.
8	H. Singer	Les. & Occ.	67	Forsythe St.	do.
9	Widow Shatzel Silas Comb	Own. Occ.	75	do.	do
10	Widow C. Cox S. Churchill & H. Streets	Own. Occ.	80	do	do
11	Enoch Hoyt.	Own. & Oc.	85	do.	do
12	Mrs. Spicer	do. do.	77	Chrystie St.	do.
13	G. Haight E. Tucker	Own. Occ.	80	do.	do
14	Hicks & Titus D. Bogert & D. Tibbits	Own. Occ.	87	do.	do
15	R. Betts J. Barker	Own. Occ.	88	do.	do
16	[380] S. Purdy Jno. Lent	Own. Occ.	89	do.	do
17	Betsey Morris & Belinda Lucas	Les. & Oc.	93	do.	do
18	John Appleby J. James & C. Wilson	Own. Occ.	97	do.	do
19	R. Cochran S. Johnston	Own. Occ.	101	do.	do
20	R. Cochran Peter Tellon	Own. Occ.	103.	do.	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

A Communication was received from Dr. Stephen Brown and Dr. John J. Howe House Physician and Surgeon to the Bellevue Establishment stating the number of patients which they had to attend at that Establishment amounting in all to 261 persons, representing the various and laborious duties which they had to perform and requesting an increase of their Salary. Whereupon it was referred to the Alms' house Committee with a request that they would call upon Drs. Akerly and Drake the visiting Surgeon and Physician for information on the subject of said petition.

[381] The Counsel [presented] the Draught of a Lease of a Lot of ground in Grand Street near the Ferry to William Vail, which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the Counterpart of the grant from the Corporation of Trinity Church for a Strip of ground adjoining the Market at Greenwich, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication Stating that by the gale of wind on the night of the 5th instant near 600 feet of the Bulkhead at the Battery had been washed away and that the remaining part was so much decayed that probably the next Storm would entirely demolish it, and he recommended that measures Should be immediately taken to secure the same from farther injury. Whereupon it was referred to the following Committee to take such measures as they may deem necessary to secure the Battery from farther injury and to report at the next meeting the probable expence of the same—Viz. Aldermen Mesier Thorp Mr. Stevens Ald. Morss Ald. Taylor.

[382] The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for a Well and Pump in Willet Street and for one in Duane Street near Elm Street: also an Assessment for regulating Laurens Street from Spring Street to Amity Lane—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were directed to issue to N. Jarvis the Collector to collect the same.

Viz. For a Well & Pump in Columbia Street
" do. do Cherry Street
" do. do. Cannon Street.
For regulating Bleecker Street
" regulating & paving Walker Street
" opening Henry Street.

The Comptroller, on the petition of Henry Gahn, reported:

" It appears from an examination of the Books and Minutes of the Corporation that a balance remained with the Treasurer in the year 1808 of $287.98. On the 30th May 1808 a Warrant passed in favor of John La Forgue [383] attorney of Ursule Eugenia Jouette, the Widow of Pierre Michael Magnan, heiress of one half of the Estate of the late Ursule Francaise Maillet, widow of Pierre Helaire Jouette, for $146.24.

" The 20th February 1815 a petition of Louis Matthias de Jouette by Stephen L. Falott his Attorney praying for a Moiety of the Estate of his Mother Ursula Mahiel de Jouette, who died Intestate in 1807, was referred to the Counsel and Chamberlain.

" On the 19th June following the Counsel and Chamberlain reported that they are satisfied that the facts set forth in the petition are true and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and a Warrant directed to issue for the amount $143.99 to be paid to the petitioner upon his executing Bonds of Indemnity to the Corporation as usual on the payment of distributive shares of Intestate Estates." This Report was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue. July 31. 1815 a Warrant passed in favor of L. de Jouette for $143.98 which appears to have been delivered to J. Zuntz.

" The above Statement of facts the Comptroller has taken the liberty of presenting to the Board, as the public Administrator with whom he was associated in the reference of Mr. Gahn's petition was in office subsequently to the transactions before mentioned.

[384] As the amount belonging to the Estate of Mrs. Jouette appears to have been regularly disposed of to the legal heirs and as the Two trunks of papers or any other effects alluded to in the petition are not in possession of any Officer of the Corporation nor is it known where they are no further order Seems necessary on the Subject."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Special Committee on the Subject of Weighmasters reported:

" That agreeably to a Resolution of this Board the Committee have had a meeting with Cornelius Ray, Robert Lenox, William Bayard and Preserved Fish Esqrs. a Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to confer with the Committee from this Board and, after hearing the objections made by the Committee on behalf of the merchants, and having also investigated the subject with all the care and importance which its importance required, offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that the Ordinance passed October 12th 1818 entitled an Ordinance to regulate Weigh- [385] masters be repealed from and after the 15th instant.

" Resolved that the number of Weighmasters in this City shall not exceed Twenty five and that no new appointment to that office shall be made until the number be reduced by resignation or otherwise to Fifteen."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" E. W. King

The same having been read Alderman Taylor moved that the consideration thereof be postponed.

The question being taken thereon and a Division being called—the Members voted as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Underhill Morss Taylor Thorp Messrs. Westervelt Parker Akerly Board. 9.

Negative. Ald. Mesier King Van Amringe Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Allen 9.

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—So the motion was lost. The question was then taken on agreeing [386] to the First Resolution proposed in the report and a Division having been called the Members voted as on the former question. The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his Vote in the Affirmative, so the Resolution was carried in the Affirmative.

The question was then taken on the Second Resolution and agreed to. Alderman Taylor gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the vote given. A motion was then made that the Committee on Weighmasters be directed to report at the next meeting a Tariff of Fees and Charges. It was moved that the consideration of that motion be postponed, which was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Assessments to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas C. Doremus and James La Tourette, reported:

" That they have Satisfactorily ascertained the matters Stated in the Said petitions respectively to be true and that the petitioner Doremus is not worth more than Two thousand Five hundred Dollars and that the other petitioner is *is* not worth to exceed Three thousand Dollars and that they have each been taxed the Sum of [387] Eighty Six dollars: That with respect to the former he was misled by having been assessed in the Third Ward the preceding year and now in the Second: and that the latter is a young man just established in business and was never before Assessed, and that neither of them was Seen by the Assessors or had any information in regard to the Tax until they were called on for payment.

" Your Committee are aware of the danger of interfering generally to give relief from Taxes regularly assessed but when cases of extreme hardship like the present occur where the Taxes imposed exceed all reasonable bounds and where a Satisfactory excuse is offered for not applying to the Assessors to get it rectified they consider the Common Council called upon by imperious duty to give relief, otherwise embarrassments and even ruin might be the consequence to many. The duties of the Assessors are doubtless very arduous but it is to be regretted that *that* from the difficulties they meet with in ascertaining the amount of Individuals' personal property they are Sometimes induced to make an Estimate without any data and without seeing the party or giving him any intimation respecting it. Such, your Committee are well assured, was the case in both of these instances. Your Committee are therefore [388] of opinion that these cases ought to be considered as exceptions to the general rule and that the petitioners are justly entitled to relief, and to that end they offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Collector of Taxes of the Second Ward be authorised to receive from Thomas C. Doremus the Sum of Ten Dollars and Seventy five cents and from James La Tourette the Sum of Twelve Dollars & Ninety cents in full of their respective personal Tax for the present year."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" S. Parker
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, reported:

" That they have had the Subject under consideration, examined the Assessment complained of and have been attended by the Assessors who made it and heard their explanations in relation thereto—from all which it appears that the Said Churches respectively are owners in [389] fee of certain pieces of vacant ground in the vicinity of a Well and Pump lately placed in Second Avenue expressly appropriated as a burial ground, which have been assessed equal with other grounds in the neighbourhood for the expence of the said well and pump. The Assessors being under an impression that the grounds belonging to the Methodist Church might hereafter be improved by having a Church placed upon it, and that those belonging to the Baptist Church might be sold as building lots, and particularly the front part where no dead were yet interred, and anticipating those results conceived it their duty to assess those grounds in the same manner as if they had belonged to individuals.

" The act under which this Assessment was made directs that " the expence shall be estimated and assessed among all the owners or occupants of the houses and lots of ground intended to be benefitted thereby' from which it is evident that the assessors are bound to anticipate the erection of houses on vacant lots, when they can reasonably do so, and to assess them in the same manner as if the houses were already erected, but when a piece of ground is exclusively used as a Cemetery it is difficult to perceive how it can be benefitted by having a Well and pump near it.

[390] "The Legislature have exempted Churches and burial grounds from the payment of Taxes and the Supreme Court have strongly intimated that such property ought not to bear an equal proportion to that of individuals for the expence of improving and widening Streets. With what propriety then ought they to be assessed an equal ratio with private property for the expence of making Wells & pumps?

"With respect to Churches, in the opinion of your Committee it may not be improper to assess them a small proportion inasmuch as a Well and Pump in their vicinity may add to their safety in case of fire and afford facilities in cleansing them, but burial grounds as such cannot be benefitted and therefore in no case ought to bear any part of the expence. And as these cases frequently occur it is important that some general rule should be adopted by the Common Council to regulate such Assessments in future, and with a view to accomplish that object and relieve the petitioners your Committee offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that in future no grounds occupied exclusively as a Cemetery in this City shall be assessed for the expence of making any Well [391] or pump and that grounds occupied by any Church or place of Divine Worship shall only be liable to be assessed therefor in a ratio not exceeding one fourth as much as other property.

"Resolved that the Assessment for a Well and Pump in Second Avenue between First and North Streets be referred back to the Assessors for correction and revision and that the Clerk furnish them with a copy of the preceding Resolution."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" S. Parker
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, on the proposition of Monsieur Monneron, reported:

"The petition of Mr. Monneron referred to the Committee of Arts and Sciences has been under consideration. It proposes to erect upon the City Hall a Sun Dial and within the same a Clock with Two faces, one of which is to designate the true time and the other the mean time. The true time is that marked by the Sun's arrival at the meridian of any place, and Mr. Monneron proposes that one face of the clock should point this out [392] and announce it daily by the firing of a pistol to be discharged by the sun's rays concentrated by a lens. The other face will shew the mean or Clock time and thus point out the difference. The advantages held out by Mr. Manneron do not appear of sufficient magnitude to warrant the expence, wherefore your Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the plan and accordingly offer for the adoption of the Board the following Resolution:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to adopt the plan and proposal of Mr. Monneron."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the memorial of Jacob Acker, reported:

" That Mr. Acker has presented to the examination of the Committee a graduated Instrument or Scale by which a Load of Fire Wood may be measured with great exactness & dispatch: and your Committee are of the opinion that said Instrument will be of great service in the [393] hands of the Inspectors of Firewood in ascertaining the Solid contents of a load of wood, whereby equal justice will be dispensed to the buyer and Seller. The solid contents of a Cart load of wood as determined by law should be 37 ft. 10 inches & $8/12$—but in some of the wood brought to Market it is so short that the buyer may lose from 4 to 10 Solid feet in a Load. This is to be remedied by the Inspectors, but for want of a Scale already calculated this is not done. The Instrument offered by Mr. Acker will meet the case and the Committee recommend that the Same be adopted and the Inspectors of Firewood be directed to furnish themselves with such a scale. Mr. Acker does not ask for any compensation, but the Committee in consideration of his attention and skill in calculating the graduation of this scale recommend that he be complimented with Twenty dollars—Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs, under the direction of Mr. Acker, make a neat and complete Instrument and scale for the measurement of Fire Wood and that the Same be deposited in the office of the City Inspector as a Standard.

" Resolved that when so completed it shall be called Acker's Scale for the Measurement of Fire- [394] Wood and that the City Inspector be directed to inform the several Inspectors of Fire Wood that they must furnish themselves with an Instrument according to the Standard Model and that they must measure Fire Wood by the scale thereon.

" Resolved that a Warrant pass for 20 dollars in favor of Jacob Acker for his ingenuity and Skill in calculating the Scale for the aforesaid Instrument."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King.

whereupon the first two resolutions were agreed to and the last Resolution laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the communication of Henry & G. Barclay, reported:

" That the petitioners propose to make the Jail and Bridewell conform in appearance to the front of the City Hall by covering those buildings with Parker's Roman Cement of a Similar Colour. Your Committee consider the project as an unnecessary expence inasmuch as in all [395] probability these buildings will not remain long in their present location—They therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the offer of Messrs. Barclay to face the Jail and Bridewell with Parker's Roman Cement be not accepted."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Kenrick, reported:

" That he has invented a Machine for Submarine ploughing which he imagines will be usefully applied in removing the Bar at Sandy Hook and thus improve the navigable communication with New York. Mr. Kenrick offers for One hundred thousand dollars to cut a channel thro' the Bar Ten rods wide and four fathoms deep from high water and then to give the Corporation the use of his said invention forever to be applied to the same use if the channel should again fill up. The Committee of Arts and Sciences have had this communication before them and consider the [396] proposal a wild project and at any rate if practicable at this time inexpedient. Therefore

" Resolved that Mr. John Kenrick have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The same Committee, on the petition of Francis Mezzara, reported:

" The preceding Communication referred to the Committee of Arts & Sciences appears to be a complaint addressed to the Mayor in bad French in relation to a fine imposed upon one Francis Mezzara in the Mayor's Court and as it was not intended for the Corporation—Therefore

" Resolved that he have leave to withdraw his complaint."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[397] The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the co-operation of the Common Council in an application to the Legislature on the subject of Wheat and Flour, reported:

" That your Committee have conferred with several other Committees on this subject and have with them agreed to present the Memorial and Bill herewith submitted to the next Legislature for their adoption and your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Corporation will concur in applying to the Legislature for the passage of the above mentioned law and that the Seal be affixed to a suitable application to be prepared and submitted by the next meeting of the Board."

(signed) P. Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" D. Board.

which was approved and the Counsel directed to report a Memorial agreeably to said Report and Resolution

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution for rescinding [398] the Resolution of the 5th of October last directing the Assessors for valuing the ground at the New Market to assess a portion of the expence on property supposed to be benefitted—which being read was laid for further consideration.

This being the period, agreeably to the Charter, for the appointment of High Constable, His Honor the Mayor was pleased to appoint to that office Mr. Jacob Hays who took & subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Charter and the Laws.

A Member stating that he had confidential matters to communicate it was moved that the Lobby be cleared and the Doors closed. Previous thereto Alderman Mesier moved that it be considered as a standing rule that whenever the doors are directed to be closed that all persons retire excepting the Members and the Clerk of the Common Council.

A Letter was received from*

[399] The Doors were again opened.

A proposition of Alderman Taylor to direct a Warrant to issue to Peter Debaum for payment of balance due to him for regulating Hudson Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury—Nov. 30	$6.51	
Recd for Tax 1818—2d, 6th, 7th 9th wards	4200.	
" " Streets	2200.	6406.51
Accounts Audited		
Wm B. Cozens—Dinner 25th November	976.	
Matthw Crosby—28 Casks Oil	1132.32	
Jas Meghan—repairg Intersections	34.11	
W. Fish—Treasurer—to pay Commissioners Common Schools—City proportion for 1818—on account	4250.	
		6392.43
	Balance	$14.08

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

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* Remainder of report not entered.—Ed.

[400] In Common Council Dec. 14. 1818

Present. Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder—President.

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anth. L. Underhill
W. F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robert M^{c}Queen
Geo. Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
Jno. P. Anthony
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Effing^{m} Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

petitions from R. Murden, David Banks & Benjamin G. Jansen for appointment of printer to the Corporation were presented & read

A petition of Henry Wright for appointment of Measurer of grain was read and the prayer thereof granted and petitioner appointed a Measurer of grain.

[401] A Petition of Elihu H. De Camp was received stating that having been appointed a Weighmaster by the Board but not finding so much employment as he expected he would be desirous of receiving an Appointment as Guager and would resign the appointment of Weighmaster. Whereupon his resignation as Weighmaster was accepted and he was appointed to the office of City Guager.

A petition of Hassel Wheeler for Stall No. 35 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Thomas Ludlow and Gulian Ludlow stating that the Commissioners of Estimate for extending the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Carmine Street intend presenting their report to the Supreme Court in January term: that there is a large quantity of earth on said Avenue which will be surplus and required to be removed, and praying that that part which runs thro' their ground instead of taking the said surplus at a price to be determined by the Commissioners they may be permitted to remove the same after the Assessment is confirmed—Whereupon the same being read was referred to the Road Committee.

[402] A petition of Benjamin Hills praying payment on his Contract for filling in Basin between Fulton and Dey Streets—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Hanning, Lessee of the School Room over the

Watch house in Spring Street, praying the same may be rented to him for the ensuing year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Leggett praying that the opening of Dover Street may be commenced as soon as public convenience will permit—was read and referred to the Counsel.

A Remonstrance of Bunnell Brown & others against exempting the Trustees of the Baptist Church and Methodist Church from the Assessment for the Well and Pump in the Second Avenue was read.

The Street Commissioner laid before the Board a corrected Assessment from the Assessors to whom the Assessment had been referred back for the Well & Pump in the 2^d^ Avenue—which Assessment with the Remonstrance were referred [403] to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial subscribed by a considerable number of the Merchants of the City was presented stating that they understood that the late Law respecting Weighmasters was at the last meeting of the Board repealed, and that they were informed that a proposition was about to be made for its re-enactment, which they remonstrated against and hoped it would not be revived—which memorial was read and laid on the Table until the motion for the reconsideration of the vote at the last meeting should be made.

A Communication of very considerable length from Garritt Gilbert, Registrar of Deeds in the City and County of New York, on the subject of his office was received, stating a variety of gross inaccuracies in the keeping of the Records highly prejudicial to their character for accuracy. He also stated that the rooms assigned for the keeping of the Records was, from the increase of the Books, not sufficiently large to accommodate them. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee formerly appointed on the subject of forming a general Index of the Records of the City and County—Viz. Alderman King.

[404] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 22.

Thomas Benham—Brewer—44 Cheapside. 7th ward vice James Badgely—Fire Warden

No. 23.

Saml. Collins—Block Maker—9 Anthony St. 5 ward vice Thomas Ayres—Expelled.

No. 24.

Peter Baxter—Cabinet Maker—28 Cedar St. 1 ward—vice Jacob Duryea—Resigned

No. 39.

Edw^d^ P. Dunn—Account^t^ 55 Wall St. 1^st^ Ward. vice W^m^ Hamilton—Removed

The Comptroller, on the petition of Adam Hill and Phœbe his Wife, Reported:—

"From the Testimony produced it appears that George Ward was the Brother of the said Phœbe and Chapin and that they are legally entitled each to one half of the sum paid into the Treasury which was $254.66. He accordingly recommends that a Warrant be ordered in favor of Adam Hill the husband of said Phœbe for $127.33 to be delivered [405] on security being given by him to the Corporation in such manner as the Counsel shall deem sufficient."

Respectfully Submitted
(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto for $127.33.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the subject of improving the Manufacture of Flour and to report a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature agreeably to said Report, presented a Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith, which were read and approved and the same directed to be duly authenticated.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter—Viz. For regulating & paving Roosevelt Street from Front to Oak Street and for paving Collect Street from Pearl to Leonard Street.

He also made a Communication stating that Houston, Bleecker, Mercer, Greene, Wooster and Laurens Streets have been regulated agreeably to Contracts, [406] that owing to their being filled up higher than the adjoining Lots the earth is continually washing away, and he made the statement that such measures might be adopted as the Board should judge advisable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which Ordinances were passed:—Viz.

1	D. Lynch	Own.	Collect St.	Lot.
	W^{m} Lawrence	Agt.		
2	Jno. Rogers	Own.	155 Greenwich St.	do.
	Barnes	Occ.		
3	Sam^{l} Borden	Own.	104 Orange St.	Privy.
	F. Camerden	Agt.		
	Jos. Thompson	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

A Letter was received from Thomas Walton, one of the Captains of the City Watch resigning on account of his state of health his appointment as Captain of the First District and tendering to the Common Council his [407] thanks for the favor conferred on him by the appointment. Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when Henry Leake was appointed Captain and Abraham Blauvelt was appointed Assistant in the place of Henry Leake appointed Captain.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of John Jacob Astor, Reported:

" That with a view to grant relief to the petitioner, provided it could be done consistent with their duty to the public, and believing the case of Mr. Astor to be novel and unprecedented, they have given the subject due consideration and in hopes of finding some provision by which the property might be made liable for the Taxes thus paid they have examined the several statutes of the state but have found no clause that will apply to this particular case. The only clause which appears to have any bearing on the subject is the 10th section of the act for the assessment and collection of Taxes which authorises persons in possession of Real Estate, the taxes of which [408] ought to be paid by any other person, to pay the same and to recover from those who ought to have paid and creates a lien on the property for the amount, but as the lots alluded to were vacant and not in the actual possession of Mr. Astor it is a question in the minds of the Committee whether he has any claim whatever by which he can recover. The Corporation agreeably to statute have a Lien on real Estate until the tax is paid—the taxes being paid their lien ceases and cannot be renewed by a refunding of the money: it follows therefore that relief cannot be granted Mr. Astor without a total loss to the Corporation, which in the opinion of the Committee ought not to be expected on his part or authorized as a precedent on theirs, inasmuch as he had it within his power to correct the error of the Assessors either by examining the Books previous to their being returned to the Supervisors or on the demand for the Collector of the Tax—and although it may appear hard for him to pay the taxes on the property of others, it would be [409] equally hard on the Corporation to refund him a sum which by his act they are prevented from collecting where it ought to be sought for. The Committee therefore propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved—that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition of John Jacob Astor hereunto annexed."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Market Committee, on the petition of John Varick to be appointed Deputy Clerk to sundry markets, reported in his favor and presented the following Resolution which was agreed to—Viz—" Resolved that John Varick be appointed Deputy Clerk of Duane, Greenwich, Centre, Essex and Gouverneur Markets." And on motion of Alderman Buckmaster it was Resolved that the market lately erected in the Centre of Grand and Essex Streets be known by the name of the Essex Market.

[410] The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the injury done to the Battery by the last storm, presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed and it was made the order of the day at the next meeting on Monday: The Committee were requested to report as to the Title of the Corporation to the ground under water which will be required for the proposed extension and whether a re-cession of that part of the Battery now held by the United States can be obtained.

Alderman Taylor, agreeably to the notice given at the last meeting that he would move to reconsider the vote given on the repeal of the Law respecting Weighmasters, now made a motion to that effect. The question being taken on the reconsideration and a Division having been called it passed in the negative as follows:—

Negative Aldn. Mesier King Van Amringe Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Bolton Stephens Anthony Allen

Affirmative Ald. Underhill Morss McQueen Taylor Thorp Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin

[411] Mr. Allen moved that the Report of the Committee on the subject of Applications to the Legislature which had been laid for consideration be now taken up. On the question for agreeing to the same it passed in the negative. It was then moved that Two members be added to that Committee which was agreed to. It was then moved that they be appointed by ballot which was also agreed to. The Board then proceeded to ballot for Two persons to be added to said Committee—when Aldermen Mesier and Van Amringe were chosen.

The several Applications before the Board for the appointment of printer to the Corporation were called up and read. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that office when Mr. Noah was chosen. Alderman Munson then presented the following Resolution which was agreed to:—" Resolved that M. M. Noah be and he is hereby appointed printer to the Corporation and that all their printing be given to him while he may so continue their printer.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel relative to the decision [412] of the Supreme Court in an application to them by the Board for a Mandamus to compel the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon a Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Board in a proceeding then pending before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip on the East River to public purposes, presented a Report. It was moved to refer the same to the Counsel with authority to associate other Counsel with him on the subject. The question being taken thereon and a Division being called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative. Ald. Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Ald. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Kip Parker.

[413] The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Deed to Elbert Anderson for the gore of ground on Chamber Street sold to him for Two hundred dollars the rent now reserved to be attached to Lots Nos. 11 and

12 fronting on Chatham Street under lease of which this gore was formerly the rear part.

Mr. Allen presented the following which was agreed to

" Resolved that the Comptroller prepare and have executed a Bond to the Mechan*c*[i]cs' Bank of this City for the amount of interest due that Institution on money loaned the Corporation, bearing an Interest of 6 per cent from 1st January next and payable in one year—amount $16,167.05.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to

" Resolved that the Committee on applications to the Legislature be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature at their next Session for permission to tax the Fire Insurance offices in this City the whole or a proportion, and, if a proportion what part of the monies expended by this Board annually in the Fire Department of this City.

[414] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 7th instant	$14.08	
Received for Rents	1457.24	
" " Tax 1818 First Ward	5500.	
" " Common Lands	5811.44	
" " Streets	1843.40	
" " Wells and Pumps	130.	14,756.16

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.
Anderson & Walton—Error in account 30th November 1st District	24.50
C. D. Colden—Mayor—One quarter salary 2d December	1750.
George Cuming—City Inspector—One quarter 28th November	312.50
Ogden Edwards—Counsel—1 qr. 27 Nov	125.
Philip Becanon—Inspector of Bread—one quarter 10th December	96.30
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field—one month 1st December	45.
Lewis & Hall—advertg Arrears of Tax in Commercial	108.
Lewis & Hall—advertg for Street Commissioner in Commercial	74.25
[415] N. Phillips—advertising for Street Commissioner in the Advocate	74.25
Columbian Office—Advertising for St Comr	47.25
John Ritchie making Cartridges for Artillery 25th November	96.21

Danl Dougherty—Witness at Sessions ordered 7th instant by Court	30.	
G. Gilbert—registering 5 Deeds and 1 Mortgage	10.12	
James Warner—Special Justice—1 quarter's Salary 26 November	187.50	
James Hopson—Special Justice—1 quarter Salary 26 November	187.50	
Charles Christian—Special Justice—1 quarter Salary 26 November	187.50	
Bernard O'Blenis—Clerk of Police—1 quarter 26th November	250.	
J. Hays. Officers extra Service Police 1 qr. 26th November	96.41	
J. Hays—for Officers conveying prisoners to Penitentiary—1 qr. 26 Nov	85.50	
Stephn Ludlum—Award for Henry St	512.05	
Chs. Mooney—acct paving Water St	200.	
Jas. Pinkerton do. Frankfort St	200.	
Chs. Mooney— do Pine St	200.	
Chs. Mooney do Depeyster St	200.	
[416] P. Parcells—act *yegg* [regg] Washington St	100.	
Terce Tiffany— do. Willet St	100.	
Abisha Smith act Curbg Washington St. from Le Roy to Hammond St	100.	
R. Pettigrew—balce Well in Duane St	52.	
Jno. Gallagher do. Willet St	39.24	
Thos. Barnum—Superintendg Wharves—24 days to 13 December	48.	
Jas. Vincent—Balance for Earth from Barrow to Charlton St.	253.67	
J. McComb—St Comr to pay removg earth from Greenwich Mkt. to Charlton Block	500.	
J. McComb—act Repairs of Roads	300.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Repairs	500.	
do Reprs to Lamps in Novr	120.	
W. Fish Tresurer—to pay the Commissioners of Common Schools City proportion for 1818—Balance	1232.06	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms house	4000.	14,733. 6
	Balance	$23.10

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock

[417] In Common Council Dec. 21. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

A Letter was received from his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins stating that he understands the Corporation have it in contemplation to extend the Battery from Castle Clinton to the West Pier or Pier No. 1: that he begged leave thus early to state that if such improvement was made he was ready to relinquish his interest in [418] the Lease on the West side of the pier without any deduction of the rent reserved by the Corporation therefor, in the hope however that the present Boat House might be permitted to remain which would be ornamented at his own expence. Whereupon the subject was referred to the Battery Committee.

A Memorial was presented from the Mechanics Bank in the City of New York stating that they have become owners of certain lots or parcels of ground on which there is an annual Quit rent payable to the Corporation and praying they may be permitted to commute for the same by advancing such sum of money as shall be deemed just and reasonable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A memorial was presented from Brigadier General H. G. Stevens in behalf of the first Brigade of State Artillery stating that they consider the Militia law passed at the Last Session of the Legislature as extremely injurious to their Corps: that [419] they propose presenting a memorial to the Legislature on the subject, which they presented with the petition and they requested the sanction of the Common Council to said Memorial to the Legislature—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A memorial from sundry Inhabitants was received, praying that in opening the Street from Beekman Street to Water Street the north-easterly line thereof may be straight from the corner of Beekman and Pearl to Water Street so as to take part of the premises of Walter Bowne fronting on Pearl Street. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with a request that they would negociate with the owners so as to learn the expence attending the improvement and to report the same to the Board.

A petition of Gilbert Davis praying remission of fine incurred under the Tavern Law was read & granted on payment of costs incurred.

A Petition was received from Philip Earle stating that he is owner of the Land at the Weehawk [420] Ferry: that he is desirous of establishing a regular and convenient Ferry at that place and therefore solicited that the right of Ferriage may be granted to him for a term of years—which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of keeping the Walks around the public buildings clean which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Places.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the Sixth Ward."

James Dubois House Carpenter 51 Mott St. 6 ward vice John Ackerman Removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 28"

John Vanderhoof Shoe Maker Elizabeth n. Spring 8 w^d^ vice Henry M^c^Guire Resigned

William Stanton Cartman 239 Church 5 ward vice Isaac Vians Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 38"

John Culbert grocer Rose hill 9th ward vice A. B. Jackson. Resigned.

[421] The Chief Engineer presented a report accompanied by the annual return of the state of the Engines and Implements which report was as follows:

"The Chief Engineer respectfully reports that he has carefully inspected the various branches of the Fire Department and herewith presents his annual return with the names of the Engineers, Foremen and Firemen, their places of abode, occupation &c. also the places of deposit of the respective Machines, whereby it will appear that there are Forty one Engines in good order, one Floating Engine in poor order, Four Engines in ordinary, Four Hook & Ladder Trucks one Hose Waggon, Nine thousand and fifty four feet of good Hose, Fifteen hundred and fifty six feet ordinary, Eleven hundred and fifty five feet ditto bad, making in the whole, including three hundred and fifty five feet of spare hose, Twelve thousand one hundred and twenty feet Also Four hundred and nine Fire Buckets in good order, seventy two ditto broken in the whole Four hundred and eighty one: also Sixteen Ladders, Twenty Hooks, one machine for throwing down chimnies and one Copper Pump. The total number of men belonging to the Fire Department [422] when the companies are full, including the Engineers and Fire Wardens, is Twelve hundred and eighty three. By direction of the Board there has this year been built one Engine for Company No. 24 and Two others are now building, one for No. 12 and one other in lieu of the Floating Engine. He also reports that the present situation of Engine House No. 27 is such as renders it very difficult to remove the machine therefrom."

(signed) Thos. Franklin
Chief Engineer

Whereupon the Return was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer with authority to cause such number of the annual Return to be printed as they shall judge expedient.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed.

1	Richard Turner	Own. & Occ.	Arundel St.	Privy
2	S. Baxter T. Wi[n]ant and Jno. H. Jobes	Own Occ.	32 Leonard St.	do
3.	Geo. Downey	Own & Occ	47 Orchard St	do
4	[423] Geo. Downey R. Hubbard	Own. Occ.	49 do	do
5	G. Enfrits H. Leek & J Coran	Own. Occ.	42½ Ludlow St.	do
6	Anna Thorne A. Wetmore	Own. Occ.	44. do	do
7	J. Waldron T. Bigford and A. Van Tassel	Own. Occ.	54 do	do
8	Jas. Palmer	Own & Occ	13 Suffolk Street	do
9	do. E. Dean	Own. Occ.	19 do	do

10	T. Gibbons	Own.	31	Suffolk Street	Privy
	P. Tice	Occ			
11	W^m Hall	Own	53	Allen Street	do
	H. Wayman	Occ..			
12	Widow Brane	Own.	56	do	do
	S. Southall	Occ.			
13	W^m Hall	Own.	57	do	do
	J. Townsend	Occ			
14	W^m Slam	Own	67.	do	do
	A. Batts	Occ.			
15	Sam^l Farrow	Own	69.	do.	do
	H. Saunders & Joshua Adams	Oc			
16	Lewis Rose	Les. & Occ.	27	Essex Street	do
17	[424] M. King	Own. & Occ.	36	do	do
18	Widow M^{c}Kinney	Own.	37	do	do
	James George	Occ.			
19	Widow Roe	Own.	38.	do	do
	Lemuel Price	Occ.			
20	Daniel Lambert	Own.	44.	do	do.
	John Post	Occ.			
21	Jas. Riddell	Own.	167	Grand St.	do
	Jas. Dobbins	Agt.			
	D. S. Woodruff	Occ.			
22	Jas. Riddell	Own	169	do.	do
	Jas. Dobbin	Agt.			
	Isaac Ramson	Occ.			
23	M. Kelly	Own. & Occ.	171	do	do
24	J. Fash	do do.	173	do	do
25	Jno. J. Astor	Own		Grand c. Ludlow	do
	J. Feeks	Occ			
26	Sam^l Howell	Own. & Occ	21	Norfolk St.	do
27	W^m Few	Own.	23	do	do
	R. Platt	Occ.			
28	Ab^m Stagg	Own.	29	do	do
	T. Hughes & W. Lawrence	Occ.			
29	S. Legget	Own.	31	do	do
	Robert Baker	Occ			
30	Jas. M. Smith	Own. & Occ.		Norfolk c. Grand Sts.	do

(signed) Geo. Cuming. C. Inspector

[425] The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum reported: as follows:

" The Street Commissioner and Comptroller respectfully report on the petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum, requesting Two separate Certificates Viz. One for seven lots to Mr. Astor and the other seven Lots to Mr. Ludlum the said 14 Lots of ground in the Tenth Ward on Norfolk Street were assessed to Dr. Nicholas Romayne deceased for payment of Arrears of Tax together with interest, costs & charges thereon.

" On a minute investigation of the subject it appears that as the property was sold in one Lot the Common Council have no legal power to alter the sale by a division thereof or to apportion the value of the lots among different owners. The petitioners can pass the necessary conveyances between themselves without the interference of the Corporation, and any change in the deeds, other than to the original purchaser, might subject the Board to embarrassment It is therefore respectfully recommended that the request of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(signed) J. M^cComb St. Com^r
" G N. Bleecker. Comp.

which was read and ordered to be filed.

[426] The Finance Committee on the petition of John Hanning requesting an extension of his Lease for the School Room in Spring Street to the 1^st of May 1819, reported:

" That Mr. Hanning rented the said school Room from the Corporation for One year from the 1^st of May last at 85 dollars, and that it appears from the signatures to a recommendation attached to his petition the said school has been conducted in a manner satisfactory to the neighbourhood and is a regular and respectable establishment. The Committee believing the present rent to be equitable and that there cannot be a better disposition of the property, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The Committee beg leave to include in this report an application made to them in behalf of Dr. Frederick Fowler for the School Room over the Engine Houses lately erected in Rose Street from the present time to the 1^st of May next

" From the representations made to the Committee they are led to believe the character and acquirements of the applicant amply fit him for the performance of the duties of a [427] Teacher, and as the place is at present unoccupied they presume no objection can arise to granting his request. The Committee are informed, however, that by a standing Resolution of the Board no property of the Corporation can be sold or leased except by public auction: they therefore recommend that so much of said Resolution as relates to the cases embraced in this report be rescinded and that the Board adopt the following Resolutions:

" Resolved—that the Resolution forbidding the sale or lease of Corporation property except by public sale be suspended so far as it relates to leasing the school Room in Spring Street from the 1st of May 1819 to the 1st of May 1820. and also so far as it relates to leasing the School room in Rose Street from the present time to 1st May 1819

" Resolved—that a Lease for the School Room in Spring Street be granted to John Hanning in extension of his present lease to the 1st day of May 1820, at the same rent and subject to the same covenants he now is under.

" Resolved that a Lease be granted to Dr. Frederick Fowler for the School Room in Rose Street from the present time to the 1st day of May 1819 at a rent of Fifty Dollars for the [428] whole term."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to

The Finance Committee reported:

" That the Block of ground between Dey and Fulton Streets at the North River is now in a situation to be sold, and as an early sale of said property will prove advantageous to the purchasers by permitting them to prepare for improving said ground at the opening of the ensuing Spring and will place some cash in the Treasury in return for the large sums expended for the purchase and filling of said Block which will be particularly grateful to the Finance Committee, they recommend the following Resolution:

" Resolved—that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on such terms as in their opinion will be most to the interest of the Corporation the Block of ground, except Two lots, bounded by Dey, Fulton, Washington and West Streets, as laid down on the Map [429] of said property herewith presented.

" The Committee beg leave farther to represent that the Corporation owns a small Lot and Tenement No. 265 William Street the Lease of which will expire on the first day of May next and as the place is considerably out of repair and will be subject to an annual expence unless sold or leased for a term of years, the Committee propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved. that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorised to lease at public auction the house and lot of ground belonging to the Corporation, known as No. 265 William Street, and that the same be leased on such terms as they shall deem meet."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Road Committee reported:

" That they have settled the accounts with the Overseer of Roads for the present year and are pleased to say that the present plan of making the Street Commissioner the Overseer is much better [430] than that formerly pursued. Your Committee herewith submit the expence of the Four last years. In 1815 & '16 the amount of monies paid for keeping the old Roads in repair was $7073.05. In the above Two years the Ninth Ward was divided into Two Districts and an Overseer to each. In 1817 & '18 the Street Commissioner was made the Overseer and the expences $3752.26 so that a saving is made of about One hundred per cent. Very few complaints have been made of the Roads—not as many as when the Two Overseers had charge of them."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Effing^{m} Schieffelin
" David Board

which was directed to be filed.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Battery, which had been made the order of the day, was called up and read as follows:

" The Special Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the injury done to the Battery by the late gale, beg leave in part to report: That they have viewed the [431] Battery and find the injury and destruction so great as to require a Barrier of some kind, to support the ground already made, from one extremity of the Battery to the other.

" They consider it advisable to construct this Barrier of Stone. A Bulkhead sunk in the usual manner would be less expensive than the

Stone Work contemplated, but when your Committee considered its perishable nature, particularly that part of it which is under water, and the desired permanency of the contemplated improvement and also its interest and consequence to the Inhabitants of your City they unanimously agreed to recommend the use of the most lasting materials.

"After your Committee had agreed in the above opinion they caused a Survey and Map to be made, not only of the Battery but of the water fronting the same from the pier at the extremity of South Street to the southern extremity of Washington Street, which accompanies this Report for the information of the Board.

"The next important question which presented itself to the consideration of your Committee was where they should recommend the placing or erecting of this Barrier.

[432] "The great expence of this improvement will consist in the erection of this Barrier. Your Committee think that it should therefore be carried out to such distance as considerably to increase the extent and add even to the advantages and beauty of this justly celebrated public promenade.

"By the map the Board will perceive that the Water fronting the Battery is generally shoal, even much more so than has usually been supposed, and that the Battery may without any injury to the Harbour be extended on an average of an hundred and twenty five feet. The average depth of water at this distance being not more at high water than Twelve feet. The distance on this line from the south line of the water conveyed to the United States to the pier at the extremity of South Street is Ten hundred and seventy feet and the distance between the United States North Line and Washington Street is Two hundred and twenty five feet. On this line forming a slight curve from the bridge of Castle Clinton until it approaches the South angle of the Battery, where the line becomes more circular and strikes the pier in [433] a direction with the East side of South Street, your Committee recommend the commencement of the improvement by throwing in stones until a ridge is formed up to low-water mark. The average height of this Ridge will be but eight feet and the expence of forming it will not exceed in the opinion of your Committee Seventeen thousand Dollars.

"Your Committee feel confident that the United States will unite and make their part of the ridge and other improvements which are necessary for the preservation of their property. Your Committee propose with the approbation of the Board to communicate with the proper Department of the General Government on the subject.

"Your Committee have had under consideration several plans for the improvement above low-water mark. One plan proposes a Wall with a face of hewen stone on an inclined plane of about Forty five degrees. Another proposes that the Wall be made of the same materials but with a perpendicular face: The Third that there should be no Wall, but the formation of a shore similar to nature with beach gravel filling up the interstices of the stones. Your Committee forbear at present expressing any opinion on these different plans; they [434] have not had sufficient time to make up an opinion as to this part of the subject.

"The best estimate which your Committee can make as to the expence of the whole of this improvement, including the filling in, is that it will not exceed an hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. They consider that it will be proper to apply to the Legislature for a law to tax this amount for this specific purpose in addition to the necessary amount required for the current expences of the City.

"Your Committee have directed a partial filling up with stone to prevent the farther destruction of the land already made. This expence will not exceed Twelve or Fifteen hundred dollars. Your Committee conclude their report by offering the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner, "after the first of March next," under the direction of this Committee, enter into Contracts for the delivery of the requisite quantity of stone to construct the Ridge mentioned in this Report and delineated on the accompanying Map."

(signed) Peter Mesier—Samuel Stevens—
" J. B. Taylor, G. B. Thorp—J. Morss

A Motion was made to postpone the consideration

[435] The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Akerly

Affirmative. Ald. Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin Allen.

A motion was made to insert after the words "Street Commissioner" the words "after the 1st of March next" which was agreed to and the Resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The Recorder presented a Resolution appropriating a blank sum of money for improving and extending the Battery, for obtaining and improving a suitable piece of ground at Corlaer's Hook for a public Walk or promenade and a piece of ground for a similar purpose near Fort Gansevoort, and that all sums to be raised beyond such specific

[436] appropriation should be assessed upon property contiguous and immediately benefitted by the appropriation. Whereupon the same was referred to the following Committee: Mr. Recorder Ald. Buckmaster Van Amringe Messrs. Kip Westervelt Akerly Allen

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution.

"Resolved that application be made to the Legislature for a Law authorising the Corporation to ra[i]se by assessment the sum of Dollars for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the Battery and that the said sum be assessed by Commissioners appointed by the Corporation on the real estate in this City in proportion to the benefit and advantages to be derived by such estate from said improvement."
which being read was referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature.

[437] The Counsel presented the following:

"The Counsel herewith respectfully submits to the Board for execution a Deed from the Corporation to Elbert Anderson for a Lot of ground fronting on Chamber Street, which has been drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board and instructions from the Comptroller. Also a Lease to Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey for so much of Two Lots of ground as remained after extending Chamber Street, which has been drawn in pursuance of the award of the Arbitrator chosen by them and the Corporation."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

which was directed to be duly executed.

The Report of the Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature, which was laid for consideration, was called up and read as follows:

"The Special Committee on applications to the Legislature beg leave to report in part that they have had the several subjects referred to them under consideration and have concluded to recommend to the Board that they petition the Legislature for Laws to the following effect:

[438] 1. For authority to raise a revenue, to be applied to the support of foreign poor, by levying a tax on all descriptions of pleasure Carriages kept in this City—said Tax not to exceed in amount the rates fixed by the late law of the United States on that subject.

2. For authority to raise a revenue for the like purpose by laying and collecting a duty not to exceed per cent on the amount

of all goods, Wares and Merchandise sold by public auction in any of the streets or public places in this City, goods sold by distress and under execution excepted.

3. For authority to regulate and license all persons following the business of a Stock, Exchange or Money Broker and the Keepers of officers for the sale of Lottery Tickets in whole or in part, in this City, and to fix the amount per annum to be paid for such licence, provided the same shall not exceed Dollars.

4. For authority to appoint a Special Collector in this City to collect the tax imposed on the people called Quakers in lieu of Militia duty—and that the time for collecting the [439] same be extended to that allowed the several Collectors of Taxes for making their returns, and that the Collector be directed to pay the amount thus received to the Chamberlain of this City for the use of the poor thereof.

5. That the Fees of the Coroner for this City, for his view of every Body and taking and returning each inquest, be reduced from Ten to Five Dollars.

6. For an alteration in the Lamp and Watch District, as follows: Beginning at the North River, at a place called Decklyne's Ferry, a little to the Northward of the State Prison and running thence easterly in front of the new Bank houses to the road called Sandy hill road, and thro' the said road to the Northward of Potters' field and the house of William Neilson to Broadway, thro Broadway to Thirteenth Street and through Thirteenth Street to the East River, including the lots on both sides of the line thus designated.

"The Committee beg leave to close their report by offering the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare petitions together with Draughts of Laws on the foregoing subjects, except the first & last [440] Articles and that he lay the same before this Board preparatory to their being sent to the Legislature for their concurrence."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster

Whereupon the First Article was laid for consideration, the Sixth was referred to the Counsel and the Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth were agreed to. The Counsel was directed to prepare petitions together with draughts of laws on the foregoing subjects except the

First & last and lay the same before the Board preparatory to their being sent to the Legislature for their concurrence.

Alderman Taylor presented the following:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorized to have a bridge constructed across the Minetta Water in Fourth Street and that the expence thereof be included in the assessment for working said street."
which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following:

[441] " Resolved that the period allowed to Rodman Bowne, Lessee of the Catharine Slip Ferry, to build a second Team Boat to ply on that Ferry in consideration of an extension of his lease be extended to the 1st of May next."

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 14th instant	23.10	
Received Tax 1818—4th 5th & 9th Wards	6500.	
" Streets	1600.	8,123.10

Accounts Audited.

R. Graves. Ast St. Comr 1 qr. Saly 1 Nov	375.
Wm Raisbeck. New Watch Caps & repairg	166.
Ogden Edwards—Counsel. Draugtg Laws &c	218.31
Evening Post—Subscription 9 months to 6th Oct. 1818 & extra advertising	169.87
Jno. Low—printing for Corporation 18th Nov. to 11th Decr 1818	43.25
Fine, See & Co. Carriage hire Road Com. &c	27.
James Meghan—Act pavg Greenwich St. from Christopher to Bank St	1000.
Pet. Debaum—balce regg Hudson St	1000.
P. Debaum—Act regg Greenwich St. from Christopher to Bank St	500.
[442] Jno. Bailey—Act paving Collect St. from Pearl to Leonard St	800.
Jno. Forbes & other Commissioners' fees for opening Anthony Street	550.
Jac. C. Mott & Associates—makg Sundry Assess	456.
Fredk Yeomans—on act regg Mercer St	350.
John Sloan— do. do. Wooster St	300.
do. do. do. Laurens St	200.
Chs. Mooney—on act. reg. & pav. Spring St	200.
Heny Van Pelt. inspect. & pav. Sundry Sts	184.24
Abm Kedney do. do. do.	219.65
Jas. Pinkerton bal. pavg Jacob St	157.94

Jas. C. Parshalls Award widen^{g} Spring St................	50.	
David Clark—Timber for Reprs. Piers No. 2 & 4 East River	207.81	
Thos. M^{c}Cready deliv^{g} Tickets—Earth at Charlton Street Basin 30 days..	37.50	
Adam Hill—Moiety Estate Geo. Ward Intestate—paid into Treasury July 6. 1818. Ordered 14 December............	127.33	
J. P. Roome—Sup^{t} Reprs. for Lamp posts................	750.	8089.90
	Balance	$33.20

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

VOLUME THIRTY-SEVEN
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
December 28, 1818 to April 19, 1819

[1] In Common Council Dec. 28. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
William F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of George Leviniss for Stall No. 22 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from the Police Magistrates was received stating that at the request of some members of the Board they presented a statement on the subject of their compensation by which it would appear [2] that from the decrease of the business in the Police Office the salary at present allowed by the Corporation was not a sufficient compensation for the services of the Magistrates—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Codwise in behalf of James Codwise was presented stating that James Codwise now is and for Eighteen year past has been a Resident Burgher in the Island of St. Croix; that in August last he came to this City with his family for his health only and rented a house for a temporary accommodation; that he has since returned to his stated residence at St. Croix; that a few days before his *r*[de]parture he was called upon by the Collector of the Eighth Ward for Twenty one dollars fifty cents assessed on him for personal Tax; that not supposing himself subject to such Assessment he respectfully applied to the Board for relief—which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Isaac Adriance to be permitted to take about 20 loads of sand from 125th Street to be replaced with coarse gravel was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th ward [3] with authority to grant the prayer of petitioners.

A petition of Charles McCarty was received stating that he is Lessee from the Corporation of a Lot at the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets: that he has been Assessed $140 for paving and regulating the side walks: that on a former assessment upon said property the Corporation directed only a part of the assessment to be levied from him: he therefore requested the same rule might be applied in relation to the present assessment. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Noah Brown and others—owners of property in the vicinity of North Street, praying that on the opening of North Street it may be filled in and regulated as far South easterly as Lewis Street on Manhattan Island—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Allison requesting that there may be leased to him, out of the lots bounded by Fulton, Washington, Dey and West Streets now ordered by the Corporation to be sold, the ground between the Northwest corner of the most [4] Westerly Lot on Fulton Street and the Northwest corner of the most northerly lot on West Street—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Rutger Street between Banker and Henry Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of James Clyde for permission to take clay out of Green Street, (which he has contracted to regulate) on condition of replacing the same with sand, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

John O. Fox—Accountant—89 Water St. 1st Ward. vice Gabriel F. Mott—Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery to be furnished to the Commissioners of Estimate & [5] Assessment on widening Grand Street which was approved.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed—Viz.

1	Ann Sutliff	Own. & Occ.	176	Division St.	A privy
	J. L. Kip—Agent to Estate of Mr. Stokes.	Own.	15	Broad way.	do.
	Mary Taylor	Occ.			
3.	Robert Roberts	Own.	134	Grand St.	do
	D. Cooley	Occ			
4	Patrick Gillespie	Own.	136	do.	do
	Benj^{n} Pell	Occ.			
5	Jno. Le Fevre	Own. & Occ.	140	do.	do
6	Widow Norris	do. do	142	do	do
7	John Palmer	do. do.	144	do	do
8	Thomas Thornell	Own.	150	do	do
	Oliver Edwards & B. Collins	Occ.			
9	Jas. Credick	Les. & Occ.	154	do	do
10	Thos. M^{c}Cormick	do. do	158	do	do
11	W^{m}Redstone	Own. & Occ.	168	do	do
12	do.	Own.	170	do	do
	G. Hunt	Occ.			
13	Joseph Marsh	Own.	174	do	do
	Jacob Day	Occ.			
14	[6] Lewis Rose	Own.	184	do	do
	John Peters	Occ.			
15	Widow A. Campbell	do	186	do	do
16	Ab^{m} Marlett	Les. & Occ.	188	do	do
17	David Covert Trustee to S. C. S. & Sam^{l} Loyd	Occ.	208	do	do
18	Geo. Riblets	Own. & Occ.	212	do	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Green Street from Houston to Bleecker Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same—Viz

1. For regulating Houston Street:
2. For a Well & Pump in Mill Street
3. For do. & do Rivington Street.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition that the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets at the New Market in Spring Street be appointed a place of public Sale of goods by auction, reported the follow- [7] ing Resolution:

" Resolved that in cases of distress for rent or sales by virtue of an execution or any legal process permission is hereby given to sell the same at the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets at the new market in Spring Street by public auction."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee of Charity, on the application of the Society for the promotion of Industry praying for aid from the Corporation, reported:

" That in discharging the duties imposed upon them by this reference they have visited the Rooms occupied by the Society as a House of Industry, have conversed with some of the Managers of the Institution and the people employed therein, and with other persons of respectability not connected with the Institution, and in short have sought information from every source where they thought it could be obtained; the result of all which has been a full conviction in your Committee that the Society for the promotion of Industry is an Institution highly beneficial to the community and worthy of public [8] patronage. Your Committee are aware that the rapid increase of public charities among us within a few years past is considered by many competent judges (and probably not without good reason) as a principal cause of the great increase of pauperism in our City. It does not appear to your Committee, however, that this Institution has the least tendency to lead to such a result; on the contrary is well calculated to, and really does correct this public evil and promotes habits of order and industry in exact proportion to the efficient means placed in their hands to act upon.

" In prosecuting their enquiries your Committee have satisfactorily ascertained that this Institution has already kept from the Alms House a number of persons who even at this early part of the winter would, without the aid afforded by the Society for the promotion of Industry, have become a public charge, and it is with peculiar pleasure they have learned that in many other instances persons who have heretofore applied to this Institution for work under the most pressing distress and friendless have, by the disinterested aid and indefatigable zeal of the Managers, been provided with comfortable situations in respectable private families where their uniform good conduct and correct deportment have justi- [9] fied the expectations of the Guardians of this Institution.

" Your Committee have also ascertained that at the present moment the applicants for Work to the Society for the promotion of Industry are far more than they can (without pecuniary assistance) find employment for and that the number is daily increasing—and the Managers are under the painful necessity of refusing work to those who, there is too much reason to believe, after having sought in vain for employment throughout the City and being now unable to procure it from this last resort either apply to the Alms' house or become public beggars, or perhaps take to some other pursuit of a more corrupting & disgraceful tendency.

" From what your Committee have seen and ascertained in relation to the subject before them they do not hesitate to say that they believe the aid afforded by this Board to the Society for the promotion of Industry is, by the judicious management of that Institution, so much saved to the City in the prevention of pauperism, and they are of opinion that the prayer of the Memorialists ought to be granted. They beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the sum of Five hundred [10] Dollars be given by this Board to the Society for the promotion of Industry in this City for conducting the business of that Institution to be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

(signed) Shivers Parker
" Thomas Bolton
" David Board

which was approved, the Resolution agreed to, and a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Remonstrance of Burnal Brown and J. Hammond against the Assessment for a Well and pump in the Second Avenue near North Street, Reported:

" That they have carefully examined the Assessment for the Well and pump and are satisfied that the same has been fairly and impartially made, and that the petitioners have no reasonable ground of complaint in respect to it. Your Committee are also of opinion that the Assessors have made the Assessment which accompanies this Report agreeable to the Resolution passed by the Common Council. Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution:

[11] "Resolved that the Assessment for the Well and Pump above said appears to be fair and equitable and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" E. W. King
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

Whereupon the assessment was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector to collect the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for the privilege of insuring against losses by fire, reported:

"That the Fire Engine Establishment now exclusively supported by the Corporation is very expensive to the City and that if we add to this a part of the expence of the City Watch and of lighting the City we shall find that the sums paid by the Corporation, which add to the security against fire and which are properly chargeable to this head, have become an enormous expence to the Community. It is therefore an object worthy the serious attention of the Board whether these expences can be met without recourse to the [12] continued increase of direct taxes.

"There is no doubt in the minds of your Committee that the privilege of insuring against fire, if granted to the Corporation, might be made to produce an income sufficient to meet all the future expences of the Fire Establishment. Your Committee think the Citizens would prefer effecting their Insurance in that establishment in which they were all interested and which would give the greatest security. If any money was made from the Citizens by Insurance with the Corporation it would be made for the Community at large. It would be to the Citizens at large a game in which if their property was destroyed they would win by recovering their insurance; if they paid their premiums without there being a loss the same would enure to their own advantage. The property of the Corporation would afford a security exceeding quadruple that of any office in the City which of course would be an additional inducement for a preference. And though the advantages above referred to would be derived by the Corporation from such a privilege yet your Committee would prefer to leave the business of Insurance to the Companies already chartered or which may be hereafter chartered for this purpose, provided the [13] Legislature would pass a Law taxing these Companies such percentage of their profits as would produce to the Corporation the annual sum of Ten thousand dollars to be applied toward supporting the Fire Engine Establishment.

" This sum would bear about the proportion to the whole expence of the Fire Establishment that the property insured by these Companies bears to the whole exposed property in the City. Your Committee think that such a tax or rather Assessment on the property of these Companies is no more than reasonable and it will appear the more obviously so when we reflect that in many of the European Cities the Fire Insurance Companies bear all the expences of extinguishing fires.

" Your Committee therefore recommend to endeavour, in the first place, to get this proportion of the expences of the Fire Establishment assessed on the Fire Insurance Companies in the City: and as the consent of these Companies to the enactment of such a Law might contribute to the facility of its passage it is recommended that a Committee of this Board communicate with the Companies with a view to learn if they will add their concurrence to the passage of such a law.

Your Committee therefore recommend the [14] following Resolution.

" Resolved that the Committee on Insurance be directed to correspond with the different Fire Insurance Companies on the subject matter contained in the above report and report the same to the Board."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Stevens
" Reuben Munson
" Shivers Parker
" David Board

which was approved, the Resolution agreed to and the subject referred to the same Committee.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank, reported:

" That by a Law of the Corporation all quit rents for grants issued prior to the year 1804, or the money for which such rents shall be commuted, and all rents arising from such *from such* of the said grants as shall not be commuted, are especially vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the reduction of the City Debt. The grants alluded to by the petitioners, however, are subsequent to that period and therefore cannot be [15] commuted for but by a special order of the Board.

"The Committee are of opinion that as the Corporation are indebted to the petitioners in several sums bearing an interest of Six per cent the operation of a Commutation of the aforesaid rents will simply be to lessen the amount of debt without any change of Income on the part of the Treasury. For instance—suppose the average amount of rent to be 360 Dollars: then the amount of principal, say 100 dollars for every Six, will be Six thousand dollars, and the Corporation will pay 360 dollars less per year to the Bank and receive that amount less on account of quit rent. With this brief view of the subject the Committee offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorised to commute with the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank for the quit rents reserved on land belonging to them, as more particularly described in their petition to this Board and that such commutation can be made on the usual terms."

(signed) S. Allen, W. F. Van Amringe
" R. Munson, S. Akerly
" P. Mesier.

The lands described in said petition were: viz

I. [16] A grant made to Swartwout of land now in the First Ward of this City subject to a quit rent forever of $41. Dollars 25 cents per year.

II. A grant to Lindsay of land adjoining the above subject to a rent forever of 41 dollars and 62 cents.

III. A grant to John R. Murray for land now in the Fifth Ward, on which there is reserved a quit rent from the 1st day of May 1810 to 1st of May 1824 of 82 dollars 81 cents, from 1st of May 1824 forever of 115 dollars 62 cents.

IV. A grant to John R. Murray for land in the Fifth Ward, on which there is a quit rent from 1st May 1815 to 1st May 1821 of 75 dollars 81 cents and from 1st May 1821 to 1st May 1828, 84 dollars 27 cents, & from 1st May 1828 forever of 134 dollars 82 cents

The said sums to be paid yearly.

Whereupon the foregoing Report of the Finance Committee on said petition was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[17] The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature reported that in addition to the subjects already reported on they would recommend certain others to the consideration of the Board in order that laws may be applied for accordingly.

The first Article proposed was as follows:

I. For authority to raise by Assessment on the real and personal estate in this City the sum of $ Dollars to be specially applied to defraying the expence of enlarging and repairing the Battery, and that said sum shall be apportioned by the Supervisors of the County for the time being among the several Wards of this City, as it respects the real property therein, according to the ratio of benefit and advantage to be derived from said improvement.

It was moved that the consideration thereof be postponed. The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Ald^{n} Mesier King Van Amringe Underhill Morss, Taylor Messrs Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony 10.

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} M^{c}Queen Buckmaster Munson Messrs Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Allen 9

Mr. Allen then presented a Resolution to be inserted [18] after the Word "City" and to strike out the rest. It was moved that the farther consideration of this article be postponed—which was agreed to.

The Second article was then read as follows:

II. For authority to enter on all property which shall have been or may be sold for arrears of Taxes or assessments, the term for which the same was sold having expired, and to hold the same and the rents, issues and profits thereof, until claimed by the rightful owner, who, before he shall be entitled to take possession, shall account to the Corporation for all improvements, taxes, assessments or other expences which may be justly due thereon—provided however that nothing herein contained shall prevent the full operation of the Statutes of limitation as in other cases."

On the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative and it was referred to the Counsel to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith.

It was then moved that the consideration of the 3^{d} article be postponed, which was agreed to.

The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the petition of Brigadier General Stevens in behalf of the [19] Officers of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery, Reported:

" That they have examined the Memorial to the Legislature, together with the amendatory act alluded to by the petitioners, and from the views of the subject taken by the Committee the amendments required are such as in their opinion are both reasonable and necessary.

" The principal object of the Memorialists appears to be that the fines incurred by the Members of the Brigade, instead of being paid into the Treasury of this State as provided by the late act to organize the Militia, may be paid to the president of the Brigade Court Martial to be applied toward defraying the contingent expence of the Corps: and, when it is considered that the Members of this Corps are at unusual expence for equipments and sacrifice a good portion of their time in training for instruction in Military Tactics, it appears hard to your Committee that they should be deprived of the sums thus collected from their own members, toward meeting the ordinary disbursements of the Brigade.

" The Committee are well aware that great caution ought to be observed by the Board in affixing their sanction to Applications (other than their own) to the State or General Governments: [20] the present case, however, appears to the Committee to be so intimately connected with the peace and security of the Citizens of New York that it forms an exception to many others which might be cited. The handsome and martial appearance of this Corps, together with their alacrity in attending the parades on all days of public rejoicing are of minor importance when compared with their utility in cases of riot or insurrection at the State Prison or Penitentiary or as a force which may be relied on in any sudden emergency. It must be within the recollection of the members of this Board that cases have occurred when the Magistracy of the City were unable by their own authority to keep the peace, and when, had it not been for the timely aid of this Corps, the consequences might have been very serious and alarming to the Citizens.

" With these impressions on the minds of the Committee they recommend that the Board adopt the following Resolution, and that the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to endorse it on the memorial of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery to the Legislature and certify the same as is usual:

" Resolved that the Common Council concur [21] in the foregoing

Memorial and respectfully recommend it to the consideration of the Honorable the Legislature."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" John Morss
" Peter Mesier
" E. W. King

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following:

" The Counsel herewith submits the opinion of John Wells Esqr. as to the liability of the Corporation to pay the amount awarded by the Jury to the respective owners of the premises lying between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, which were required by the Corporation for the purpose of forming a public Slip. As the Counsel has repeatedly had the honor of expressing his opinion to the members of the Board he deems it unnecessary at this time for him to enter into a particular detail of the reasons upon which his opinion is predicated. He therefore will simply remark that he concurs with Mr. Wells in his opinion."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

The opinion of Mr. Wells was as follows:

" I have examined the transcript of [22] the proceedings relative to a public Slip between Roosevelt Street and New Slip. These proceedings are in their nature adverse to the proprietors of the lots proposed to be taken and the Corporation are not only actors in the first instance, but they necessarily continue so throughout. In the case of Streets it is different, for there the Corporation merely originate the measure and are functus officio as soon as Commissioners are appointed. I do not think, therefore, that the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to Hudson Street would at all govern the case under consideration. Nor does it follow from the opinion of the Court in Stafford against the Corporation of Albany that the Corporation had no control over the proceedings after they were once begun. They merely determined that the Mayor's Court acting as Commissioners had no power over the finding of the Jury but not that the Corporation could not have dispensed with that finding. I am therefore of opinion that inasmuch as the property in question was to be applied to the use of the Corporation, and as they alone are to pay for it, they have that interest in the proceeding directed by the Statute that gives to them a control over it until others have acquired rights under it, which they cannot do [23] before the Assessment has been made by the Jury, and that until then the Corporation have a right to discontinue it. In this case the Nol: pros: was entered in due season and was an effectual discontinuance. The subsequent proceedings were of course wholly irregular and void and cannot be obligatory on the Corporation."

(signed) John Wells

Alderman Van Amringe then moved that the Report of the Committee on Laws, presented on 14th December, be now considered. The question being taken thereon it was agreed to. The Report being read was in the words following:

"The Law Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel relative to the decision of the Supreme Court in an application to them by the Board for a Mandamus to compel the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon a Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Board in a proceeding then pending before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip in the East River to public purposes—Viz. "That it "was unnecessary to interfere by Mandamus, because if the Corpora-"tion had a right to discontinue they have done it most effectually, "and if an action is commenced to recover the damages awarded the "matter [24] may be taken advantage of by pleading it in the suit." Report: That if your Committee were governed in the decision of this case by the Statute alone they could not doubt but that the Corporation would be concluded by the judgment of the Mayor's Court, because they believe that the proceedings in question are of record and that an action of debt would lie on the judgment in which case the Record could not be traversed. But in the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany (a case very similar to the present), as well as in the case under consideration, the Supreme Court decided that the proceedings of the Mayor's Court in these cases are not of record and that the action must be assumpsit. The only question, therefore, for the consideration of the Committee is "Had the Corporation a right to discontinue?" If the proceeding was an adverse proceeding in a Court of Law as such there could be no doubt of our right to discontinue. But it is not. It is a proceeding before the Court as Commissioners. It is not at all a judicial proceeding. The Mayor's Court can do nothing but affirm or disaffirm the assessment. In the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany the Supreme Court decided that the Mayor's Court acted as Commissioners and [25] the Supreme Court have decided that when Commissioners have been appointed the Corporation cannot discontinue their proceedings. In the case under consideration the Commissioners were appointed because the precept had not only issued but the Jury were actually empannelled before the Corporation applied for a discontinuance. The Supreme Court in their late decision on the application for a Mandamus certainly doubted whether the Board had a right to discontinue. They say "If the Corporation had a right to discontinue &c." leaving the question as to the right in doubt undecided. The question immediately under consideration is without precedent: of course the opinion of your Committee is wholly formed on their construction of the Statute and the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany, which may possibly be not the opinion of the Supreme Court in the event of suits being commenced against the Board. But your Committee at least consider the question very doubtful and if persisted in will certainly involve the Board in long and expensive Law Suits which will probably cost the Board one fourth of the whole sum awarded the proprietors. The Board has passed an order to take part of these Waters for public use, in [26] which they cannot proceed until the present question is disposed of, so that their plan for improvement if not frustrated will be delayed in all probability four or five years. If the estimate of the Jury for the property was exorbitant: if it exceeded the value of the property as much as the probable expence of defending the suits, it would be reasonable for the Corporation to permit suits to be commenced and try the question. But your Committee believe the estimates to be moderate and to which the Board may accede without injury to their property. Your Committee were informed that the Bonds of the Corporation would be taken by the proprietors for a number of years for the sums awarded them, to ascertain which your Committee addressed a note to Mr. David Stebbins (a copy of which is annexed) and received an answer stating that the Bonds of the Corporation will be received at Six per cent interest payable half-yearly, as follows: For the amounts awarded Minturn & Champlin and Robert Hunter the Bonds may be extended to five or seven years as suits the Corporation and for the remaining sums awarded the proprietors at five years. For further particulars your Committee beg leave to refer the Board to the [27] Letter of Mr. Stebbins and to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Board agrees to the several estimates made by the Jury in the proceeding had before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip on the East River to public purposes and that the Counsel be instructed to take the necessary measures to carry the same into effect, "provided that the proposition of Mr. David Stebbins to take the bonds of the Corporation as specified in his letter be complied with by him." Mr. Allen then moved to strike out from the resolution all the words after the word Resolved in order to introduce a Resolution which he read in the words following:

"——— that the Corporation will take the Bulkhead and piers between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and appropriate them to public uses as a Slip or Basin and will give bonds for the amount payable at the periods proposed by one of the proprietors with interest at six per cent per annum, provided the owners of said property will deduct from the assessment and valuation of the Jury per cent, and not otherwise."

The question being taken and a Division called [28] it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} Mesier King Van Amringe Underhill M^{c}Queen Taylor Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Akerly. 14.

Affirmative. Ald^{n} Morss Buckmaster Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen. 5.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution proposed by the Committee with a proviso proposed by Alderman Van Amringe that the proposition of Mr. David Stebbins to take the Bond of the Corporation as specified in his letter be complied with by him. A Division having been called the question was carried in the Affirmative 13 to 6 the members who on the last vote voted in the negative now voting in the Affirmative excepting Mr. Stevens who voted in the negative. Alder- [29] man Buckmaster gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the question at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to

"Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be instructed to enquire and report as to the expediency of passing an Ordinance licensing Bell ringers and prohibiting all persons under certain penalties from ringing the Bell of any Church in this City."

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had a confidential communication to make to the Board—whereupon the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.*

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* No entry, although a space was left blank.—ED.

[30] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 21st instant	$33.20	
Received for Rents	2618.34	
" " Common Lands	4431.10	
" " Tax of 1818—7th & 10th wards	2000.	
" " Excise	32.	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	201.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	2560.72	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.	12,069.61

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Samuel Hutchings—Street Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—1 month to 1st January	54.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 month to 1st January	60.
George Platt—Care of Mud Machine—1 month & 29 days	19.67
[31] Israel A. Baldwin—Witness at Sessions ordered by Court 17th December	15.
Alderman Mesier at Sessions—12 days in July	48.
" King do. 12 days do	48.
" Underhill do. 10 days. Augt	40.
" Van Amringe do. 10. days do	40.
" Morss do. 12 days Sept	48.
" McQueen do. 12 days do	48.
" Buckmaster do. 12 days Oct	48.
" Taylor do. 12 days do	48.
" Thorpe do. 24 days June & Nov	96.
" Munson do. 24 days. do. do	96.
Edward Doughty—surveying from 20 Nov. 1817 to 10 Nov. 1818	1147.02
Jno. Bailey on act pavg Collect St	500.
Jas. Meghan— do do Vestry St	200.
Hugh Smith do do. Water St	200.
Jno. Culbert— do. do. Beaver St	150.
Chs. Mooney—balance do. Depeyster St	189.95
Abraham Bloodgood & Associates—making Sundry Assessments	130.50
Charles Mooney—balance repaving Front Street	128.72
Hugh Smith on account paving Roosevelt Street	100.
[32] Chs. Mooney, paving Water St. Balance	83.58
Chs. Mooney—repaving South Street from Depeyster to Pine Street	71.61

Geo. Lovett—4th Instalment for piers at Spring St. Basin—1st Contract	34.75	
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment for Well in Bleecker Street	52.	
Jacob P. Roome—Superintendt Reprs. to pay workmen in public yard	610.	
Jacob P. Roome—Superintendt Repairs for reprs. piers Nos. 12. 24 & 30 on the East River	515.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of the Alms house	1300.	11,962.30
	Balance	$107.31

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

[33] In Common Council Jan. 4, 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Peter Allaire complaining of an undue assessment on him for taxes of 1818 was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial from the proprietors of the New York Gazette, Mercantile Advertiser and Evening Post, stating that they are informed it is in contemplation to pull down the Boat house erected on the South side of the Battery, representing that the expence of erecting the same was [34] borne in part by the Memorialists, that if it is permitted to remain it is their intention to modernise the same so as to correspond with the other improvements at that place, and praying that if it is removed they may be permitted to take away the materials, was read and referred to the Committee on the Battery.

His Honor the Mayor, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbour, presented the following Statement of the funds & amount of Income of that Institution: Viz

Rents of houses & Lots of ground			3,328.50
Dividends on Stock			
Mutual Insur^{ce} Co. 30 shares		135.	
Eagle do do 33 do		297.	
Manhattan Bank 246 do		1,107.	
Mechanics' Bank 78 do		175.50	
United States' 6 p. ct. Stock	21,897.	1,373.82	
do. 6 p. ct. depressed	1,430.84	110.45	
do. 3 p. cts	723.42	21.68	
State Stock 6 p. ct	1,200.	72.	3,292.45
Bonds. P. Van Zandt	3,000.	210.	
T. N. Duggen	2,000.	140.	
James Farquhar	6,000.	420.	770.
	11,000.		$7,390.95

(Signed) C. D. Colden—Mayor & Pres^{t} of Trustees.

[35] Whereupon it was directed that said Report be filed and that 50 copies be printed for the use of the Members of the Board.

A petition of Garrit H. Van Wagenan & Robert Carnley was presented stating that on or about the 14th of December 1807 a grant was made to G. H. Van Wagenen of a water lot along the permanent line of East Street on the East River: that part of the said lot, by agreement with Robert Carnley, belongs to him; and praying that upon the surrender of the grant by said Garritt H. Van Wagenen and on payment of all rents due separate grants may be issued to them for their separate proportions—Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Memorial was presented from F. C. Augustus Uz, stating that complete success had attended the experiment of his compound Lever when applied to a portable Fire Engine and requesting the countenance of the Corporation to his said improvement—which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Memorial was received from Thomas Mussy [36] stating that he had invented a Machine named a " Rut Level " to be employed in repairing Avenues, roads & turnpikes, which he offered on certain conditions to the Corporation. Whereupon the same was referred to the Road Committee.

An Application by Martin S. Wilkins Esqr. in behalf of the freeholders of the town of Harlaem, stating that they have applied to the Legislature for a Law to appoint Trustees in whom the Title to their Common Lands may be vested, and that it has become necessary for them to have a Copy of the confirmation of the Act passed in 1772 authorising Commissioners to settle the line between their Common Lands and the Common Lands of the City of New York and of the award of the Commissioners appointed under the act of 1772, and praying to be furnished with the same, was read and ordered that the Comptroller, at the expence of the Applicant, furnish copies of the said Documents.

A petition of John G. Betts, late Weighmaster General, stating that on his appointment to the office of Weighmaster General he had, for the proper discharge of the duties of said station, hired an Office and incurred other expences which, as the Law is now [37] repealed, have become useless, and praying remuneration therefor—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to make such compensation as they judge proper.

A Petition of James Casey, praying remission of fine under the Pawnbroker's Licence, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of John Smith, Inspector of Firewood of the 9th District, praying to be appointed to inspect Fire Wood stored in the yards in his District, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition that Varick Street between Vandam & Carmine Streets may be regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Duncan Douglass was received, stating that he had been called upon by the Collector for an arrear of Tax amounting to 10 dollars forty cents, due for the tax of 1817; that his Wife paid to the Collector of said Ward eight dollars of said Tax, and praying that on payment of $2.40 cents [38] he may be discharged therefrom—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Rhoads Jr. for Stall No. 1 in Grand Street Market at Corlaer's Hook—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Michael Nangle to be relieved from a fine under the State Law regulating Hawkers and Pedlars—was read and laid on the Table.

A Memorial from sundry Hatters and Dyers remonstrating against the law entitled "a law respecting the public pumps and to prevent the drying of Cloth in the Street" passed the 4th September 1818 and praying the repeal of the last Section of said law, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

1.	C. Smith	Own.	Walnut c. Water Sts	Privy
	T. R. Smith	Agt.		
2.	C. Smith	Own.	Walnut & Water Sts	do
	J. S. Doan	Occ.		
3.	[39] E. Brown	Own.	109 Anthony St.	do
	Mr. Boy[l]e, M. Dusenberry & D. Dougherty	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that on the late revision of the Laws it had been omitted to re-enact the Law "to regulate the casting of Water into the Streets," and as the said law had been found beneficial he recommended its re-enaction. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on Laws, who immediately reported a Resolution recommending the reenactment of said Law. Whereupon it was Resolved that the law entitled "A Law to regulate the casting of Water into the Streets by certain persons therein named" passed 24th Feby. 1817 be and the same is hereby re-enacted.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bleecker Street near McDougall Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Profile of Fayette & Oliver Streets to be laid before the Commissioners of [40] Estimate and Assessment on those streets—which were confirmed.

The Road Committee, on the petition of Thomas and Gulian Ludlow, reported:

"That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have estimated the dirt lying as above (say 35,565 loads) as property of the above named petitioners and assessed the amount thereof on the adjoining property. Now the petitioners are willing to take the dirt and relinquish the amount awarded them for the same.

"Your Committee offer the following:

"Resolved that Thomas Ludlow and Gulian Ludlow have leave, after the confirmation of the Commissioners' Report, to take away the surplus dirt in the Sixth Avenue adjoining their property as stated in their petition upon their paying the amount that has been assessed on the adjoining property to the Street Commissioner for the following purpose.

"Resolved that the said Sum, when the Same shall be paid by them, shall be applied for the purpose of regulating the said Sixth Avenue & Carmine Street."

(signed) R. Munson, G. B. Thorp
" E. Schieffelin—D. Board

[41] which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Isaac Labagh Jr. for the appointment of a Measurer of Grain, reported the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Isaac Labagh Jr. be appointed a Measurer of grain for the City & County of New York."

which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

Alderman Buckmaster, agreeably to notice given at the last meeting, moved that the Board now reconsider the vote given at the last meeting of the Board on the report of the Committee of Laws which had been presented on the 14th December 1817. On the question of agreeing to reconsider the same and a Division having been called, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldn Mesier King Underhill Vn Amringe Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony Westervelt Parker Schieffelin

Affirmative. Aldn Morss Buckmaster Taylor Messrs. Stevens Board Allen.

[42] Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to

" Resolved that the Counsel of the Board do not take an assignment of Minturn and Champlin's property contemplated for a Slip unless all the back quit rents are paid up on this property, and in case they refuse to allow or pay such quit rents that the Counsel commence an action for the recovery of the property."

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 28 Dec. 1818	107.31	
Recd for Tax of 1818—1st, 2d & 3d Wards	12,000.	
" " Excise	127.	
" " Police Office	97.75	
" " Streets	2100.	14,432.06

Accounts Audited.

Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park—2 months' 1st instant	91.50
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field—1 month 1st instant	46.50
John Bedient—Coroner's Fees—3 months 1st instant	499.92
Jacob Morton—Index 33d Vol. & expences	73.

Elizth Low—Administx estate of Thomas P. Low—for printing	38.	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Roosevelt St	300.	
[43] John Williams—on act regg Green St. from Houston to Bleecker Street	300.	
John Stanley—on act pavg Crosby St	300.	
Abisha Smith—on act curbg Washington St	200.	
John Sloan—on act regg Wooster St	200.	
Jac. C. Mott & others for Assessing flagging Side Walk in Broad Way	60.	
Heny Van Pelt—Inspecg pavg Franklin St	14.07	
Geo. Snethen—supg & lightg. lamps—1 mo. 1 inst	771.29	
R. Munson—4 Casks Oil—bot of T. Lovell	469.86	
Peter Bonnett—Intt on bond—6 mo. 3d ins	113.79	
Mrs. Sadler—Treasurer of Society for promotion of Industry	500.	
F. B. Winthrop—Treasurer City Dispensary—Annual Donation	500.	
S. Allen—Chairman Finance Commee for Commr's Sinking Fund—intt Heirs of Captn Lawrence—princl & interest	2700.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of Reprs. for Reprs—Dock foot of Jay Street	636.	
J. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Repairs	314.	
Wm Vail—Bond to Wm Hunter—prl & int	2035.	
Richd Furman—Supt of Alms house	4250.	14,412.93
	Balance	$19.13

The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[44] In Common Council Jan. 11. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

The Comptroller presented a Communication stating certain property of the Corporation which it would be advisable to dispose of on lease—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Boatmen employed in bringing Fire Wood to the City, praying that John Young be appointed Wood Inspector in [45] place of James Hunt, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

The City Inspector presented the following:

"The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board a statement of the deaths in the City and County of New York for the year 1818 amounting to Three thousand two hundred and sixty five being an increase of seven hundred and thirty eight above that of the preceding year.

"In consequence of the excessive heats that prevailed during the summer months of the past year a greater number of deaths took place during those months than was usual in former years. This circumstance combined with the increase of our population, (to which may be added the constant influx of emigrants many of whom are of the poorer class and unaccustomed to our climate) may account for the number of children that died of distempers peculiar to our summer months in an atmosphere unusually rarefied.

"The Returns of deaths received from Baltimore and Philadelphia, however, sufficiently prove that the climate of New York is as salubrious as that of her Sister Cities: to exemplify which we need only observe that in the year 1817 the deaths in Baltimore [46] (with a population perhaps thirty thousand) amounted to Thirteen hundred and twenty, whilst in our City, containing a population at least four times greater, we had not more than twice that number.

"The fortunate exemption of our City from the pestilential visitation of the Yellow Fever is justly a subject of general gratulation and solemn thankfulness, and it is to be hoped that the same vigilance that, under providence, has guarded us from its scourge, will be the means of shielding our City from its future visitations."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

With which Report he presented the Annual report of deaths in the City during the said year, of which the following is an

Abstract.

Men	984
Women	736
Boys	857
Girls	688
	3265

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed and copies to be printed as usual.

[47] The City Inspector also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

1.	Dr. C. Drake	Own.	49	Bowery	a Privy
	P. Lawson	Occ.			
2	—— Nostrand	Own.	55	do	do
	Mrs. Adriance	Occ.			
3	W^{m} Rhinelander	Own.	77	do	do
	James Robertson	Occ.			
4	W^{m} Rhinelander	Own.	79	do	do
	John Miller	Occ.			
5	C. Bogert	Own.	103	do	do
	Jesse Ellis	Occ.			
6	R. Dodge	Own.	107	do	do
	T. Parker	Occ.			
7	D. Sherwood	Own.	111	do	do
	E. Parker	Occ			
8	Andrew Paff	Own.	123	do	do
	do.	Occ.			
9	Thomas White	Own.	125	do	do
	Mrs. Allen	Occ.			
10	Thomas White	Own.	125½	do	do
	Mrs. Allen	Occ.			
11	Thomas White	Own.	127	do	do
	Joshua Bagot	Occ			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[48] A Petition of the Captains of the Watch of the 3^{d} District for new Caps to be furnished to the Watchmen of said District was read and referred to the Watch Committee with powers to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Remonstrance of Owners of lots of ground in Pearl Street between Cross and Elm Streets, objecting to their being assessed for the improvement of Pearl Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp the Collector for collecting the same: Viz.

For repaving Frankfort, Pine, Water, Front and Depeyster Streets, and

For opening Collect, Walker, Pump & Rynder Streets.

He also presented an Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in Franklin Street between Broadway and Elm Street which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown*n*[er] were appointed Assessors.

The Counsel presented, agreeably to order, the fol- [49] lowing Memorials to the Legislature with drafts of Bills corresponding therewith to be enacted into laws, which were approved and directed to be duly authenticated, viz.

" An Act respecting Brokers and dealers in Lottery Tickets in the City of New York:

" An Act to impose an additional duty upon Sales by public auction in the Streets of the City of New York:

" An Act authorising the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain unclaimed lands:

" An Act to enforce the payment of Commutations for Military service:

" An Act regulating the fees of the Coroner in the City of New York."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

He also, on the subject of the Lamp and Watch Districts referred to him, reported:

" That after diligent examination he has not been able to ascertain that they have ever been made the subject of Legislative regulation and that he is of opinion that the Common Council possess the power of regulating them at pleasure.

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Which was directed to be filed.

[50] The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner, reported:

" That in conformity with several Ordinances being passed and contracts having been made for regulating Houston, Bleecker, Mercer, Green, Wooster and Laurens Streets some of them have been completed and others nearly so: that owing to the filling up of some of the said Streets to a considerable height above the adjoining lots the earth has been washed away from the street into those lots and will continue to be so, until the streets will be rendered impassible, unless the lots are filled in.

They therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner direct the owners of the lots spoken of in the Report to be filled in by the first of April."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition for opening North Street, Reported:

" That your Committee have maturely considered the request of the petitioners and are of opinion that their prayer ought to be granted [51] inasmuch as the present contract for regulating North Street to Willet Street will not relieve the petitioners, as that part of the said Street from Willet to Lewis Street lies thro' a deep morass and is impassible. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that North Street be filled up and regulated from Willet Street to Lewis Street and that an Ordinance be passed for that purpose and the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance for filling up and regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street—which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brown[er] & Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

Mr. Allen presented the following—which was agreed to.

" Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a law, to be sent to the Legislature for their concurrence, authorising the Corporation to raise by tax on the real and personal estate in this City and County the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be applied to defraying [52] the current expences of the ensuing year, and that he designate in said Law the Lamp and Watch District as follows: Beginning at the North river at a place called Decklyn's Ferry, at a little to the northward of the State Prison, and running thence easterly in front of the new Bank houses to the road called Sandyhill Road, and thro' the said Road to the Northward of Potters' field and the house of William Nielson to Broadway, thro' Broadway to 13th Street, and thro' 13th Street to the East river, including the lots on both sides of the line thus designated.

"Resolved that the Counsel also prepare a memorial on the above subject and that his Honor the Mayor sign, and the Clerk be authorised to affix, during the recess of the, Board, the Seal of the Corporation to said Memorial."

The following Resolution was presented:

"Resolved that the Counsel be authorised to proceed to Albany for the purpose of giving the necessary attention to the business of the Corporation to be laid before the Honorable the Legislature of this State." On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

[53] Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen. Underhill Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Allen 12.

Negative. Aldermen. Mesier Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony 6.

The Law Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Fitzgerald, reported:

"That the action brought by Mr. Graham was a qui tam action in the name of the Informer, one half the penalty by the statute belonging to the Informer: that the common informer has of course a right to discontinue proceedings commenced in his own name which Mr. Graham did by order of his client on receipt of Ten Dollars. But by compromising in this it is not in the power of the common informer to deprive others of the right of suing for the penalty. If this should be allowed [54] there would be very little reason in inflicting penalties of this nature as nothing would be easier for a person subject to the penalty than to find a friendly informer in every case. In the opinion of your Committee the Attorney has a just cause of action against the petitioner and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that John Fitzgerald have leave to withdraw his petition and that the Attorney prosecute the suit against him."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the Communication of the Attorney stating that the Police Magistrates claimed the right of appointing an Attorney to prosecute for the forfeitures of Tavern Licences, presented a Report with several Resolutions. The question was taken on the Resolutions separately and agreed to. The final question being put of agreeing to the report and Resolutions, it was moved that the same be postponed, and the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative: so the final question on the Resolutions was postponed.

[55] The Committee on the subject of applying to the Legislature for a Law to authorise the Corporation to insure against losses by fire presented a Report which was read and on motion the consideration was postponed and 50 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

A Resolution was presented directing the Clerk of the Common Council to give notice by advertisement in the Public Papers of the intention of the Corporation to apply to the Legislature for the above mentioned law, upon which the question being taken it passed in the negative.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences, to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire if any deficiency exists on the part of the person employed to regulate the public Clocks, Reported as follows:

" Mr. John Berger has been the regulator of the public Clocks about Two years, and altho' complaints have been made of their irregularity yet upon an interview and explanation with Mr. Berger there appears to be no cause of complaint against him, since the stopping and irregularity of the Clocks has arisen from causes beyond his control.

" Therefore

[56] " Resolved that Mr. John Berger, regulator of the public Clocks, be exonerated from all censure for the past irregularities of the public Clocks."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss.

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 4th instant	$19.13	
Received for Rents	3257.25	
" " Tax of 1818 2d & 6th wards	3000.	
" " Arrears of Tax	300.	
" " Excise	45.	
" " Streets	1509.17	
" " Wells & Pumps	465.49	= 8596.04

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch		1st	District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark	do.	2d	do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower	do.	3d	do.	462.

Holly Waterbury, Watchman, Witness at Sessions	2.	
Jos. Dederer—Int. on Bond—1 year to 3d ins	295.66	
B. OBlenis—Clerk Police—bal. 6 mo. 1 inst	178.51	
Robt. Pettigrew—balce Well in Bleecker St	52.	
do. do. do. 2d Avenue	84.56	
J. McComb—St. Cr—bal. earth Charlton block	154.70	
[57] Saml Cowdry—Counsel fee for Catharine and Roosevelt Streets	50.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days 10 ins	48.	
Chs. Mooney—on act. regg Collect St	500.	
Jno. Williams do do. Green St	400.	
Fred. Yeomans do do. Mercer St	400.	
Hugh Smith do pavg Roosevelt St	300.	
Jas. Meghan do do Greenwich St	200.	
Jno. Sloan do reg. Laurens St	200.	
Chs. Mooney do pav. Spring St	200.	
John Sloan do. reg. Wooster St	100.	
Davd West balce pav. Ludlow St	149.34	
Jno. Culbert do. do. Beaver St	184.35	
Hugh Smith do reg. Leonard St	82.15	
Amos Jones—Working 9th Avenue & 28th St	545.73	
Jonathn Charlton—on act building Engine house in Rose Street	800.	
J. McComb—S. Cr earth Charlton St. basin	450.	
J. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. Stone at Battery	794.	
do. repairs & glazing New Lamps	114.50	=8,572.75
	Balance	$23.29

The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[58] In Common Council Jan. 18. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	David Board
Robert McQueen	Effingm Schieffelin
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen.
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Matthias Bruen for remission of fine for not placing a Box over his grate in the Street while it was open to receive fire wood, was read & leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Henry Bogardus and John B. Ficquet praying to be paid a portion of a fine recovered [59] on their complaint from Andrew Blair for breach of Sunday Law was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of Jacob Barker for remission of fine for not filling in a Lot within the time prescribed by an Ordinance (the same having been lately filled in) was read and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A petition from sundry owners of lots in Washington Street, complaining of several buildings extending into said Street destroying the uniformity of the same, and praying said obstructions may be reremoved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Sundry Fishermen attending at Washington Market, stating the great inconvenience they suffer from the want of a place in which to fix their cars when filled with fish, and farther stating they are desirous of building a Float similar to the one now at the Fly Market about 35 feet in length and 12 feet in width at Slip No. 24 North River, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[60] A Petition from Benjamin Hills for payment in part of his Contract for filling in the basin between Fulton and Dey Streets, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Mary M^{c}Whorter, formerly Widow of James Braiden, praying on account of her poverty that an amount of an Arrear of Tax due on a leased lot she holds from the Widow Bancker, may be remitted to her, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Thomas G. Harrison for a Stall in Spring Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joshua Tufts, in behalf of himself and brother owners of Sloop Traveller was received stating that said Sloop commanded by Captain Cory arrived in the port of New York from Boston on 6th November last bringing passengers: that said Captain regularly reported his passengers but stated them as being Americans: that it appears a family by the name of Daley were aliens: that they imposed themselves on the Captain as Americans and were reported accordingly as such: that [61] proceedings have been commenced against said vessel by the Attorney of the Board: that petitioners are willing to give the Bonds required by law, and praying to be permitted to give said bonds and that the proceedings against said vessel may be dismissed. Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be remitted on their giving the requisite bond and paying all costs and expences, and that the suit commenced be discontinued.

A petition of Robert H. Bowne was received, stating that he is proprietor of the property formerly belonging to Minturn and Champlin East of Roosevelt Street on the East river: that a difference of opinion exists between him and the Comptroller as to the amount of quit rent to be paid on the grant, and requesting the subject may be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the same Which being read, a Resolution was presented directing it to be referred to a Committee to endeavor to treat with the petitioner and report their proceedings, which was agreed to and it was referred for that purpose to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Latimer, praying remission of fine incurred by not having rates in his Carriage [62] was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of James Hays for remission of payment of Tax laid on him in the Eighth Ward, he having already paid the same to the Collector of the 8th Ward A. H. Hegerman, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 7th Ward praying that an application may be made to the Legislature for an extension of the Fire Limits so that the same may extend as far East as Clinton Street and as far north as Division Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Communication was received from the Messrs. Hitchcocks, Contractors for the Street Manure, recommending that the law on the subject be amended so that the Streets may be swept twice a week instead of once as now directed, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of James Allison to be relieved from [63] a penalty incurred under the law regulating Carts and Carmen, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the assessments for regulating Willett and Sheriff Streets—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector to collect the same.

He also presented an assessment for paving the sidewalks in Franklin Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances—which were passed

1	Mrs. D. Minuse	Own.	83	Cross St.	a Lot
	J. Henry	Occ.			
2	William Few	Own.	16	Doyer St.	a Privy
	C. Raper	Occ.			
3	Jno. Fink	Own. & Occ.	30	Bowery	do
4	S. Purdy	Own.	32	do	do
	Palmer & Brown	Occ.			
5	Enoch Dodgshun	Les. & Occ.	40	do	do
6	Henry Astor	Own.	42	do	do
	W. Scudder	Occ.			
7.	[64] Henry Astor	Own.	44	do	do
	M. Brown	Occ.			
8	Henry Astor	Own.	46	do	do
	J. Delaterre	Occ.			
9	L. Quintard	Own	68	do	do
	J. Rushmore	Occ.			
10	L. Quintard	Own.	68½	do	do
	James Thorne	Occ.			
11	Henry Astor	Own.	70	do	do
	B. Barwell	Occ.			
12	Enoch Hoyt	Les.	78	do	do
	L. Toms	Occ.			
13	Mr. Sayres	Own.	84	do	do
	Peter Swan	Les.			
	B. Fanning	Occ.			
14	Widow Gooday	Own.	108	do	do
	F. Depeau	Occ.			
15	Mr. Mass	Own.	110	do	do
	Mr. Bracket	Agt.			
	John Brown	Occ.			
16	Jno. A. Hardenbrook	Own.	112	do	do
	L. Small	Occ.			
17	Jno. Poillon	Own.	114	do	do
	do	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

[65] The following person was appointed a Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 38."

Isaac Jarvis, Milkman, Bowery hill—9th Ward—vice John James Stewart, Expelled.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred on the 16th of November last the petition of Thomas L. Ogden and others praying the regulation of the Side Walks in Nassau Street &c. Reported:

"That they have examined the subject and agree in opinion with the petitioners that the Street would be much improved by the proposed alteration Yet the Committee are informed, and which information they believe correct, that the walk on the East side of the Street is more than double the width of that on the West side of said Street; that the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church are the owners of the surplus ground on the east side in fee; that in the year 1795 the Church at their own expence removed the fence to the present line with the consent & approbation of the Corporation, for the accommodation of the citizens and particularly their own congregation, with an express stipulation and consent of the Board that they might build vaults under the walks which [66] has accordingly been done; that the entrances to the said Vaults are within one foot of the present line of the fence within the Church yard, and by removing the fence to the proposed line the whole vaults and the entrances to the same would be in the public Street, or by equalising the walks on both sides the vaults would be under the cartway of the said Street.

"The Committee are therefore of opinion that a consent of the Board to the proposed alteration would be inconsistent with the former agreement made with the Consistory of the Church and offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that it would be inexpedient for the Corporation to consent to the proposed improvement in removing the fence of the Middle Dutch Church or equalising the Walks in Nassau Street between Cedar and Liberty Streets for reasons above stated, unless the petitioners should first obtain the consent of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church."

respectfully submitted

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to

[67] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Varick Street, Reported:

"That altho' it is indeed opened yet no use whatever can be made of it as a Street unless it is regulated. They therefore offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that Varick Street be regulated from Vandam to Carmine Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved.

The same Committee on the remonstrance of certain owners in Pearl Street against being Assessed for the repaving of that Street between Cross and Elm Streets, reported:—

"That in the year 1811 Pearl Street was directed to be broken up, raised and repaved in order to gain as much elevation as possible for Collect and Canal Streets. The proprietors on Pearl Street thought it unjust that they should pay all the expence of such regulating & paving [68] inasmuch as the pavement was perfect and putting them to the very great expence of repaving their Side walks, altering Stoops, Cellar-doors &c. Whereupon the Corporation did agree to relieve them from the one half of the expence of the Carriage way. Your petitioners resting under the assurance that their Street was not to be again taken up for a similar purpose made no further objections. They are now about to be assessed for the like purpose against which their petition is presented: and your Committee are of opinion that your petitioners ought to be exempted from paying any part of the expence for paving the Carriage Way, and therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the owners & occupants of houses and lots in Pearl Street between Cross Street and Elm Street be exempted from the payment of any part of the expence for repaving said Street other than their proportion of the intersection of Pearl and Collect Streets."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss.

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called, it was carried in [69] the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Ald^n Morss M^{c}Queen Taylor Thorp Munson Mess^{rs} Kip Parker Board Schieffelin

Negative. Ald^n Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens Allen

Alderman King gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of the block between Fulton and Dey Streets, reported:

" That since their report on the subject of the block of land between Dey and Fulton Streets at the North River they have ascertained that, with a small expence for enlarging one of the bridges near the premises, they will be enabled to sell 21 lots instead of 20 as formerly authorised: and, as they believe it desirable that as much of this property should be sold at present as practicable, [70] in order that the purchasers may be accommodated in erecting their buildings to advantage by joining in the partition walls and the Corporation reimbursed for the large amount expended in making the land, they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorised to sell at public auction in addition to the lots already directed, the lot No. 15 fronting on Fulton Street, part of the Block belonging to the Corporation between Washington, Dey, West and Fulton Streets at the North River."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Comptroller on the subject of certain portions of public property which may be disposed of the present year, reported the following resolutions:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to sell at public auction for a term of [71] years of below the following property belonging to the Corporation:

1. The Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip for Three years.
2. The Hay Scales at Duane Slip for Three years.
3. A House and Lot No. 265 William St. for Seven years.

4. The School room over the Engine house in Rose Street for Three years.

5. A House and Lot corner of Beach and Chapel Streets for Seven years.

6. Nine cellars under Centre Market for Two years—with the condition that they are at no time to be occupied by a family or fire kept in them.

7. A House and 1¾ Acres of land on Long Island near Hellgate Ferry for Three Years.

8. The Ferry at Horn's Hook for Three years. The Leases on the whole to commence on the first day of May next.

" Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to lease to the Fulton Steam Boat Company, for a term of Three years from the first day of April next, at an annual rent of Eight hundred Dollars, the Wharf at Beekman Slip now in their possession—conditioned that they shall not occupy [72] any part of said Wharf with Firewood except the Blocks, and not more of them than Ten feet in width measuring from the most easterly side of said Wharf.

" Resolved that the Comptroller give notice in the several papers employed by the Corporation that proposals will be received on or before the first day of March next for renting for one year from the 1st day of May 1819 the public Docks and Slips.

" Your Committee beg leave farther to report that the piece of ground alluded to by the Comptroller as lying on the South side of Pearl Street in the Sixth Ward is now vacant & unoccupied in consequence of a claim set up by Mr. George Janeway averring that the line between his property and that of the Corporation is incorrectly run. For the purpose of settling this matter amicably, if possible, the following Resolution is proposed:

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Counsel of the Board be and they are hereby authorised to ascertain and settle in an amicable manner the bounds between the land belonging to the Corporation and George Janeway in the 6th Ward, and in the event of their inability to effect a settlement with Mr. Janeway as aforesaid [73] that they report to this Board accordingly.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Ward, presented a Report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Committee of Laws, to whom was referred the Communication of the Attorney that the Police Magistrates claimed the right to appoint an Attorney to prosecute on breach of recognizances on Tavern Licences, and which Report was presented at the last meeting and the final question postponed, was now called up: and the opinion of the Counsel and the said Report having been read were in the words following:

"Opinion of the Counsel."

Alderman Van Amringe November 26. 1818.
Chairman of Law Committee.

Sir.

In compliance with the request [74] of the Law Committee I have examined the law relative to the power of the Common Council to take orders relative to prosecutions for breaches of recognizances entered into by persons licensed to retail spiritous liquors.

"By the 244th Section of the Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act, it is provided "that such recognizances instead of being entered and acknowledged "to and in the name of the people of the State of New York shall "be given to and taken in the name of the Mayor &c.—and that the Common Council shall take such order relative to prosecutions for breaches of such recognizances and shall also from time to time make such ordinances to regulate Taverns in the said City as they may deem suitable and necessary to preserve the good order and welfare of the same. As the power of directing prosecutions is here given in express terms to the Common Council, it becomes necessary to ascertain whether they have ever been divested of it. The only act which affords any ground for such a pretension is the Act granting additional powers to the Special Justices, passed April 16. 1816. by which it is provided that such recognizance shall not be estreated or delivered [75] to the Common Council but that the Special Justices shall cause such recognizances to be sued in any proper Court and the monies recovered thereon shall be deposited in the City Treasury and form a part of the fund for the support of the poor.

"As there are no words in this Act divesting the Common Council of the right of directing prosecutions, I presume it will not be contended but that they possess this power concurrently with the Special Justices and that they are bound to put them in suit when ordered by the Common Council.

The point in question I understand to be whether the Common Council or the Special Justices possess the power of designating the Attorney; or in other words whether the Justices have the power of appointing an Attorney to commence suits in the name of the Corporation, not only without their consent but in defiance of their authority.

" An objection fatal to this pretension presents itself at the very threshold of this enquiry. According to the established rules of law a Corporation cannot appear but by Attorney and they cannot appoint an Attorney otherwise than under their Corporate Seal. Now, as I presume the Special Justice will not contend that they possess the power of compelling the Corporation to affix their seal to a Warrant of [76] Attorney, they must fail in this pretension from the absolute impossibility of carrying it into effect.

" By the Act concerning Counsellors &c. it is provided that every person of full age and sound memory, other than defendants in cases when Corporal punishments may be inflicted, may appear by Attorney in every action in plea by and against him in any Court in this State.

" If the right of a Corporation to appear by attorney required the sanction of a Statute the Courts of Justice would undoubtedly put such an equitable construction upon this as would extend the benefit of it to them: and, as it is presumed that the Corporation of this City are not within the exceptions of the act, they might with all due deference to the authority of the Special Justices insist upon availing themselves of its provisions.

" But it may be contended that, altho' the Corporation cannot appear otherwise than by Attorney and the right of so appearing is sanctioned by Statute, yet that it does not follow that they must appoint him.

" An Attorney is a person appointed by another to do any thing in his stead, and to contend that he may be appointed by any other person is to contend for what is a solecism in terms.

[77] " It will be contended by the Special Justices, and it is upon this and this alone that their pretension rests. that they are required by the act to cause all such recognizances as are forfeited to be sued in some proper Court, and that as they possess the power of causing them to be prosecuted in the name of the Corporation they by necessary implication possess the power of doing all such acts as may be

necessary to enable them to carry this power into effect. The question then presents itself whether it is necessary that they should appoint the Attorney in order to enable them to sue, and whether it is not possible that an Attorney appointed by the Corporation can conduct a suit by the direction of the Special Justices. If this is possible in the nature of things then the ground upon which they predicate their claim fails to support them And as the Corporation have appointed an Attorney and have declared it to be his duty among other things "to commence all actions upon the laws of this State in cases when the penalty is given to the Corporation" there is not a shadow of ground to support this pretext upon the plea of necessity.

"Prior to the Act of April 1816 the Corporation possessed exclusively the power of taking all orders relative to prosecutions for breaches of such recogni- [78] zances, and it was required of them that they should take all such orders relative to the premises as they should deem suitable and necessary to preserve the good order and welfare of the City.

"By the Act of April 1816 it is also made the duty of the Special Justices "to cause such recognizances to be sued." By putting a reasonable construction upon this Act (and indeed the only reasonable one which it admits of) it must mean that they possess this power concurrently with the Corporation, and as it is made the duty of the Corporation to take all orders &c. as before mentioned the Legislature presumed that they would not disregard the injunctions of the Act but would among other things appoint an Attorney, as this is an indispensible order in relation to prosecutions; and when they authorised the Police Justices to cause recognizances to be put in suit, they presumed that the Corporation would do their duty by appointing an Attorney for that purpose.

"This construction is not only reasonable but is in accordance with the established rules for construing Statutes: for by preserving the power of the Corporation unimpaired the penalties will be more generally enacted than they would be if the power of enforcing them was exclusively [79] confined to the Special Justices, and the intention of the Legislature in passing this law undoubtedly was to subject the retailers of Spirituous Liquors to a more vigilant inspection and rigid observation of the laws and not to divest the Corporaton of any of the coercive powers for this purpose. By this construction the last Act does not infringe upon the first, and altho' subsequent acts repeal preceding ones so far as they are irreconcilable, yet if the last admits of a reasonable construction by which the provisions of the first can be preserved inviolate that construction is to be given to it. By this construction also the vested rights of the Corporation to regulate these prosecutions remain inviolate and statutes in derogation of private rights are even to be construed strictly.

" On the other hand the construction contended for by the Special Justices is unreasonable in every point of view, for they are contending for a power which they cannot enforce, inasmuch as they cannot affix their Corporate Seal to a Warrant of Attorney and the Corporation can also at any time release the action: the costs of proceeding, in the event of failure would be thrown upon the Corporation and they therefore ought to have the power of selecting an Attorney in whose [80] vigilance and legal discretion they have confidence, and the Corporation are alone interested in the monies which may be recovered.

" On the other hand no imaginable reason can be given why the Legislature should deprive the Corporation of the power of appointing their own Attorney to conduct their own suits—a privilege which is denied to none but fools & lunatics.

" If it is necessary to recur to authority in order to put this matter beyond question I would refer to the practice under the laws of the United States.

" By one of these laws it is enacted that the Collector shall take bonds on the exportation of merchandise and ' shall put the same in suit.' By another act it is provided that when any bond for the payment of duties shall not be satisfied on the day it may become due ' then the Collector shall forthwith and without delay cause a prose- ' cution to be commenced for the recovery of the money due thereon ' by action in suit at law in the proper Court having cognizance ' thereof.' These words or equally as strong and in the last case are nearly the same with those relied upon by the Police Justices—And yet the Collectors have ever been required to deliver these bonds to the United States Attorney to be sued. [81] Here then we have a practical construction of similar Statutes adopted in every district in the United States and which is in accordance with what I contend for in the case in question.

" If the construction which I put upon the Act is correct, the next question which presents itself is what remedy is to be resorted to in order to prevent the commencement of suits in the name of the Corporation without their authority. This would be an offence which would subject the Attorney to the severe animadversion of the Court and would also subject all parties concerned in it to an indictment for misdemeanour. The Court would also order the proceedings to be discontinued and would compel the Attorney to pay all the Costs."

Very respectfully
(signed) Ogden Edwards.

" Report of the Law Committee."

" The Law Committee, to which was referred the representation of the Attorney 'that the Police Magistrates claimed the right of ap- 'pointing an Attorney to sue out forfeited recognizances for Tavern 'Licences'—having taken the opinion of the Counsel on the same, in which they concur, beg leave to refer the Board to that opinion annexed. In addition to the [82] reasons given by the Counsel, the very great impropriety of permitting an irresponsible person to this Board to officiate for them is apparent. If an Attorney not authorised by the Board has a right to commence an action without their order he has an undoubted right to discontinue it without permission. H[e] may compound with the offender and compromit the rights of the Board without the possibility of detection, thereby rendering the penal laws of the Community a private emolument and a source of public immorality. The penalties of the Corporation and of the State in which we are concerned so far from exciting apprehension in offenders, are a subject of complaint from the virtuous and of derision from the vicious on account of the ease of avoiding the consequences. Security against vice depends more upon the certainty than the magnitude of penalties, and it may be asked what security have the Board that the punishment will certainly visit the Offender when the Attorney conducting the suit is not under the control of the Board.

" Your Committee have no apprehension that any of these consequences would ensue in [83] the course of Mr. Graham's practice, but once established as a precedent and you have no guarantee for the observance of good faith. The Board does not allow to its officers the power of dispensing charity. It is not for them to consider of hardships and difficulties in enforcing the law but the single question are they liable to the law. To bestow charity and relieve from penalties is reserved exclusively in the Board, and altho' under the arrangement of the Police Office the trust might not be abused as much as by an officer of the Board, yet in the one case our redress is remote and uncertain and in the other immediate and positive. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:—

" Resolved that no suit shall hereafter be commenced in the name of this Board except by an Attorney duly authorised by the Board and that if any suits shall be commenced by any person not so authorised the Counsel be, and he is hereby instructed to apply to the Court in which such suits shall be pending to dismiss the same—and to make him or them pay the costs.

"The Committee farther report that five or six suits have been commenced by Mr. Graham under the direction of the Police Magistrates and [84] have made considerable progress toward judgment. As the Police Magistrates proceeded in the business under an impression that the Statute gave them the power and not from any disrespect to the Board and as it will be a saving of time and expence to permit Mr. Graham to conduct these suits to judgment, your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be, and he is hereby directed to associate himself with J. L. Graham Esqr. to superintend and direct as Counsel the suits now pending in the name of this Board, brought by the said J. L. Graham Esqr. on forfeited recognizances of Tavern Keepers.

"Your Committee, while on this subject, beg leave to remark that in consequence of the penalty in the recognizance being One hundred and twenty five dollars suits must be brought in the higher Court of Record which not only delays the immediate punishment of the Offenders & affords time to make interest to have the same remitted, but in case of failure incurs a heavy expence to the Board. If the penalty should be reduced to one hundred dollars [85] suits might be brought in the Marine Court in which case the punishment would be so prompt that your Committee believe it would be attended with happy consequences in deterring offences. They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Memorial and the draft of a law for an application to the Legislature so as to amend the act entitled 'An Act to lay a duty on Strong liquors and for regulating Inns & Taverns' as that the amount of the penalty in recognizances entered into by persons selling by retail any strong or spirituous liquors be reduced to One hundred Dollars."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton

The question having been taken on the report and resolutions, the report was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of taking a suitable portion of ground at the East River near Corlaer's Hook for a public Walk or Promenade and a suitable portion of ground at the North River near Fort Gansevoort for the like purpose and also of enlarging and [86] repairing the Battery in an ornamental & durable manner, Reported:

"That they have considered the subject with all the deliberation and care that its importance demanded. On the one hand they were sensible that the measure, if gone into upon the extensive scale proposed by the Resolution, must add greatly to the public debt of the City and finally require a considerable augmentation in the annual Tax. On the other hand the Committee could not but see that the plan submitted to them embraced great public improvements which if once lost might not be retrieved: improvements which will contribute alike to the recreation, pleasure and health of our citizens and are essentially connected with the future splendour of our growing Metropolis.

"Before, however, your Committee give an opinion whether the objections arising from the increase of the City debt and the consequent augmentation of the annual tax outweigh the advantages which will flow from the contemplated improvements they beg leave to present a general view of the subject, with some facts which in their opinion are material to be brought under consideration to enable the Board to arrive at [87] a just conclusion.

"The only public Walks South of the great Military Parade ground are the Battery, the Park in front and the ground in the rear of the City Hall and St. John's Square opposite St. John's Church near Hudson Street. This last Walk belongs to Trinity Church and therefore is not strictly a public Walk, tho' it is not probable it will ever be applied to other purposes. The distance from the South line of the Grand Military Parade ground and the Western point of the Battery is about 3 miles. The distance from Fort Gansevoort to the same point is a little less than Two miles and an half. The distance from Corlaer's Hook to the Battery is about two miles and from Corlaer's. Hook to Fort Gansevoort about two miles and an half. The distance of St. John's Square to the Western point of the Battery is rather short of one mile and a quarter, and from the Park in the rear of the City Hall to the same point about three quarters of a mile. A Line drawn from the East to the North River one mile from the Battery passes through the Hospital yard. The population south of the Hospital Yard somewhat exceeds Forty Thousand.

"That part of our City which lies south [88] of the Grand Square or Parade ground contains probably from 2700 to 2750 acres, and when it shall be compactly built upon will have a population rather exceeding 250,000 souls.

" For the purpose of ascertaining at what era a condensed population will extend to the Grand Square or Parade Ground, or in other words will amount to 250,000 the Committee have thought it proper to judge of the future by the past. This rule appeared the more likely to lead to a correct anticipation because our City, our State and our Country are in the vigor of youth. Its stride to manhood surpasses the most sanguine calculations. Every thing before us shews that we are to be one of the greatest of nations. Our wealth and resources keep pace with our increasing population; and the enterprize, the intellect and character of the American people are a guarantee that their national and public improvements will correspond in magnificence with the greatness & power of the Republic.

" To return to the question—when will our City contain 250,000 souls? Soon after the War of the Revolution our numbers were about 23,000. The census of 1790, the first which was taken under the General Government, gives 33,000.

[89] The Census of 1800 gives 60,000 and that taken in 1810 gives upwards of 96,000. Our population may be now calculated to increase 40,000 every Ten years, and that increase will augment with our augmented numbers. At present there are at least 125,000 and in 1820 there will be 135,000 Inhabitants. In 1830 there ought to be nearly 180,000; and the Committee think themselves justified in concluding that if the Almighty shall continue his favors to our City and to our nation the City of New York will in 26 years from this time contain 250,000 souls.

" In a free government, as ours is, its population constitutes its wealth as it does its strength. Hence in 1785 and 1786 the population of the City paid only an Annual Tax of \$25,000. In 1792 and 1793 the taxes rose to \$40,000 per year. In 1799 and 1800 it considerably exceeded \$100,000. In 1807 it amounted to \$129,000. In the year 1813, the first year of our late war with Great Britain, it exceeded \$174,000. In 1817 it amounted, including the State Tax, to \$374,311 $^{71}/_{100}$ and in the last year 1818, owing to the reduction of the State Tax to One instead of Two mills per dollar, the Tax upon this City was reduced to \$340,994 $^{81}/_{100}$.

" Before your Committee close their statement [90] of facts upon which alone can be founded the calculations which must determine whether the City of New York is able to meet the expenditure called for by the proposed improvements the Committee beg leave farther to state that by the report of the Special Committee appointed specially with reference to the Battery an expence on that object alone must be incurred little short of $120,000. By the report of the Street Commissioner to your Committee about $100,000 will be necessary to secure the ground at Corlaer's Hook so as to give to the Inhabitants forever a Walk looking up and down the East River. The land at Fort Gansevoort will not cost much, the title being chiefly in the Corporation. The right of the Corporation is proposed to be reserved. Your Committee estimate that the cost of enlarging the Battery and securing it permanently, of taking all the land required to be taken at Corlaer's Hook and of reserving and taking land at Fort Gansevoort, so as to give a Walk there of about 1200 feet, will altogether amount to $250,000.

" Your Committee farther state that the City Debt amounts to nearly $1000,000 which if the whole debt bore an interest of Seven per cent [91] would give an interest account against the City of $70,000 per annum.

" The Revenue of the City in 1808 was $57,830. In 1817 it was increased to $72,814 $^{60}/_{100}$. During the year 1818 it amounted to $91,262 $^{29}/_{100}$. The Revenue will probably continue to increase with the increase of the City. About the year 1823 it will be considerably greater than it now is, as many leases which are now at a low rent will then end and thenceforward produce a much higher income.

" Before the Committee conclude the detail which they have given, they beg leave to observe that most of the preceding estimates and calculations are not made with strict and accurate precision, nor so meant to be understood; but are intended to be sufficiently correct to enable the Board to act wisely upon the matter now under consideration.

" A general view of the subject is now before the Board. By the details that have been given every member is able to count the cost and say whether it can be paid. Some of your Committee have thought the expence too vast to be encountered. Others have thought that the property contiguous to these great Walks should be made to bear the whole expence. Others have [92] thought it should be a common expence borne by the Common funds of the City—And an opinion has been expressed that the expence should be met partly by the general fund and partly by a local Assessment upon the contiguous property. All however have agreed in this—that public

Walks contribute to the pleasure and health of the people and are an Ornament to a City. They agree too, that the points of land proposed to be taken are the most eligible of all others. Those points are at opposite and convenient distances from each other. The located spots will give great and useful public walks to our citizens when New York shall hold a rank among the first Cities of the world. The Battery may justly be considered one of the most elegant Walks that any City can boast of. It is the pride as it is the ornament of New York. Corlaer's Hook, tho' not equal to the Battery, falls little short of it either in the extent or beauty of its prospects. The site proposed to be taken above Fort Gansevoort will afford a considerable view of the North River and open to the eye of the Citizen an entire view of the Narrows. These three public Walks, the Battery, the Walk at Corlaer's Hook and that [93] upon the Hudson place New York beyond a rival in the splendour of her promenades.

" Already does our population class our City with the second rate cities of Europe. The revenue we carry into the National Purse, our Commerce and the tonnage of our ships place us among the first. The Committee believe the City to be able to carry into effect the proposed improvements and to meet the necessary expence—And they believe the Citizens will cheerfully unite their efforts, provided a due regard is shown to the general interests of the whole City.

" Under these impressions Your Committee respectfully recommend the following Resolutions:

" I. That the Board reserve all the land under water west of 10th Avenue from 14th to 19th Streets making a front of about 1200 feet for public purposes.

" II. That the Counsel be directed to take the necessary legal steps to vest in the Corporation the land and the land under water at Corlaer's Hook lying South of Grand Street and east of Corlaer's Street to the permanent lines for the like purpose.

" III. That application be made to the [94] Legislature to obtain a grant of their title to the lands of the Battery and the lands adjoining the same under water to an extent not exceeding 400 feet for the like purpose.

" IV. That application be made to the Legislature to raise the sum of $250,000 for the purpose of forthwith enlarging and completing the Battery agreeably to the plan adopted by the Board, and also for paying for the land and land under water to be taken at Corlaers' Hook to be hereafter improved as the Corporation shall direct—and that the said sum be raised by Assessments upon the real and personal property in this City as follows:

$62,500 in 1819
62,500 in 1820
62,500 in 1821
62,500 in 1822

"V. That application be made to the Legislature to authorise the Corporation to borrow not exceeding the sum of Two hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of making the aforesaid public improvements and that the said annual sums of Sixty two thousand five hundred dollars be pledged to redeem [95] the same."

All which is respectfully submitted
(signed) R. Riker
" G. Buckmaster
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly.

A motion was made to postpone the consideration of the same. The question being taken thereon and a Division called, the members voted as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} Morss M^{c}Queen Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Kip Parker Board Allen 9

Negative. Ald^{n} Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Schieffelin 9.

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—so the motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the first Resolution and a Division being called the members voted as follows:

[96] Affirmative. M^{r}. Recorder, Ald^{n} Mesier: King: Underhill: Van Amringe: Morss: M^{c}Queen: Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp: Munson. Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker: Board: Schieffelin: Allen.

So it was carried unanimously in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution was then read and Mr. Stevens moved as an amendment to strike out after the words 'the land' the rest of the Resolution and to insert the words 'designated in the Commissioners' Map as the Military Square.'

The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Ald. Underhill: Van Amringe Morss: M^{c}Queen Buckmaster: Taylor Thorp: Munson Messrs. Bolton: Kip Parker: Board Schieffelin: Allen

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens then moved as an amendment to add to the Resolution 'and also the land de- [97] signated on the Map of the Commissioners as the Military Square.'

The question being taken and a Division being called it passed in the Negative the Members voting as on the last question.

Mr. Schieffelin then moved as an amendment to add to the Resolution the following 'and that a law be requested from the Legislature 'to enable the Corporation to give up the military Square.'

The question being taken thereon and a Division called it past in the Negative all the members present voting in the Negative excepting Messrs. Board & Schieffelin who voted in Affirmative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Second Resolution & a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Underhill: Buckmaster Thorp: Munson Messrs. Kip: Parker Board: Schieffelin Allen.

Negative. Ald^{n} Mesier: King Van Amringe: Morss M^{c}Queen: Taylor Messrs. Bolton: Stevens

The Third Resolution was then read and on the question of agreeing to the same it was [98] carried in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution was read—when a motion was made to postpone the further consideration of the subject.

The question being taken thereon and a Division called the Members voted as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Morss M^{c}Queen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip

So it was carried in the Affirmative and the further consideration was postponed.

Alderman M^{c}Queen presented the following:

"Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the propriety of prohibiting the Sale of fruit on the sidewalks and if proper appointing a place where it may be sold."

Which was agreed to & referred to the Street Committee.

[99] Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to have a bridge built over the South corner of the Corporation Slip near the Washington Market at the corner of Fulton and West Streets."

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 11th instant	23.29	
Recd for Tax 1818—1st 2d 5th 7th & 8th Wards	10,700.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Streets	1896.40	
" " Wells & Pumps	115.81	15,235.50

Accounts Audited.

J. R. Smith—Colors for the Regiment of Artillery	238.	
Ogden Edwards—drafting Sundry laws. &c	174.39	
John G. Betts—expences in the Weighmaster General's Office	139.37	
Editor of Mercantile Advertiser—Six months' subscription 1s inst	75.	
Jacob Morton—Index 34th Vol. Minutes	60.	
J. Anderson & W. Concklin—Watchmen—Witnesses at Sessions 13th instant	4.	
J. Smith & W. Kincaid—Watchmen—Witnesses at Sessions 11th & 12th ins	4.	
[100] Holly Waterbury Watchman Witness at Sessions—11th inst	2.	
John Stanley on account paving Crosby Street	200.	
John Sloan—on account regulating Wooster Street	200.	
Higgins & Parks—on account filling Rutgers' Slip	600.	
Benjamin Hills—on account filling Dey Street Basin	500.	
Peter M. Alison—balce 2d Instalment Pier at Oliver Street	650.	
Samuel Jones Jr. Award to open Fourth Street	4850.	
Israel Haviland—making & repring Engine hose from 28th May to 18 Dec. 1818	1268.17	
Richd Furman—Superintt Alms house for working 3d Avenue	1000.	
R. Furman—Supt of Alms' house for Alms house	2000.	11,964.93
	Balance	3270.57

Board adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[101] In Common Council Jan. 25. 1819:

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	David Board
Robert M^c^Queen	Effing^m^ Schieffelin
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of John Simonson for a Stall in Spring Street Market; A Complaint against Bridget Lyons for exhibiting goods for sale on the Side Walks opposite No. 156 in Front Street; A petition of Andrew Hutton and Jacob Flager for permission to exchange Stalls, and a petition from John A. Martin for Stall No. 1 in Corlaer's Hook Market were severally [102] read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter was received from Silvanus Miller Esqr. stating that at the request of Mrs. Sarah Beekman and Mrs. Ann Payne he represented that for the improving and opening of Roosevelt Street from Cherry Street eastward ground was taken belonging to their Ward Miss Sarah B. Payne a Minor and an award therefor amounting to $9,255: that owing to the minority of the said Sarah B. Payne the said sum cannot now be paid over to the guardians: they therefore propose to the Corporation to make out a Certificate of the amount aforesaid to draw legal interest until the said infant shall arrive at the age of 21 years and then to be paid to the said infant or her guardians, the Certificate to remain in the possession of the Comptroller or other person appointed by the Corporation who shall be instructed to give a satisfactory explanation in writing of such trust to said guardians: that this arrangement will preclude the necessity of applying to the Supreme Court in relation to this claim and thereby avoid unnecessary delay and the loss of interest with costs. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

[103] His Honor the Mayor presented the Return of persons confined in the Bridewell as made by the Keeper. He merely observed that of those reported as confined there were but nine who were

charged with offences, the residue being vagrants or persons in confinement on sentence—A state of the prison highly honorable to the order and morality of the City. He also observed that in his visits to the Bridwell he had been perfectly satisfied with the cleanliness and order observed in the prison, in which in his opinion no prison he had ever visited excelled. The Return was ordered to be filed.

The presentment of the Grand Jury of the 15th instant, in which they presented the present regulations of the Stands of the Hackney Carriages and of the conduct of the Drivers as a Nuisance, was read and referred to Alderman King Messrs. Allen Parker

A petition of Le Grand Jarvis to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[104] A Complaint from the Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward of the situation of the pumps in that Ward was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to attend immediately to redressing the evils complained of.

A Memorial was received from a Committee from the Governors of the New York Hospital stating that on the 1st instant there was due to the Hospital from the Corporation the sum of $11,880 $^{14}/_{100}$ for the care of lunatics sent to that Institution from the Alms House and requesting the same might be liquidated. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was received from John Young stating that a complaint had been lodged with the Attorney against a lad named John Stump for firing a pistol in a yard in the City: that the boy was a foreigner unacquainted with the laws and was living with him on trial; and praying that the proceedings against him may be dismissed. Whereupon it was resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial was received from John Jacob Astor [105] and others, requesting the Corporation to sanction and further the views of the petitioners in an application to the Legislature for the appointment of Commissioners invested with powers to adjust the level of those streets, Avenues &c. in this City which have not yet been regulated and to make such models or plans as may enable the proprietors of real estate in this City to know how the present surface of their ground is situated with regard to the permanent regulations which are to be made. The same being read a motion was made to refer the same to a Committee. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. Adlerman King then moved a Resolution that it was inexpedient to comply with the request of the petitioners—which was agreed to. It was then Resolved that the subject matter of the proposed Memorial to the Legislature be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to propose such measures thereon as they should judge expedient.

A Memorial was received from sundry Owners of lots in Frankfort Street, stating that they understood a petition was to be presented to the Board for opening Frankfort Street from Chatham Street to William Street, against which measure they begged [106] leave to enter their remonstrance. Whereupon the said Memorial was directed to be laid on the table until the coming in of said petition.

A Memorial was received from Sundry owners of lots in the vicinity of Washington Market stating that by the filling up of the Basin they experience a great want of accommodation for vessels at that place and praying that an extensive pier may be run out at the end of Vesey Street which if turned a few feet to the South from the West end of the Pier would make a safe and convenient place for vessels. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of Peter M. Allison, praying payment of the balance of Contract due to him for erecting the pier at the foot of Oliver Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Henry Rutgers, William B. Crosby, Anna Bancker and John Withington in behalf of the Baptist Church was received stating that in the year 1813 the Heirs of Hendrick Rutgers adopted a plan for widening Henry and Bancker Streets eight feet on each side [107] which improvement extends between Montgomery and Catharine Streets, a Map of which is on file in the Register's Office: that it is now in the power of the Corporation to make a great saving to the Inhabitants when those improvements are made by now reserving for public use eight feet of the ground in Fayette Street about to be improved on each side of Henry Street and on the North side of Bancker Street, and praying that measures may be taken accordingly. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Dunbar Sloan was received stating that from unforeseen events he had been reduced from respectable circumstances to indigence and had been compelled to take shelter from absolute want in the Alms' house: that for Two years past he has been employed as a Teacher and praying to be allowed some compensation therefor to be enabled to procure for himself some decent cloathing and to make his declining years somewhat comfortable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Alms' House Committee.

A Petition of Hermanus A. Veeder for Appointment of Inspector of Firewood in the Yards was referred [108] to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Weeden and Samuel Hutching, Street Inspectors, praying for reasons stated in their Memorial an increase of their salary, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A farther petition of Robert Latimer praying remission of a fine for not having Rates in his Hackney Carriage alledging that the same occurred from the malice toward him of his Driver whom he had just discharged, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority, on the facts appearing as stated in the petition to remit the fine on payment of costs.

A petition from sundry Lessees of lots in Harman Street, praying the Corporation will defer the opening of said Street for One year from the 1st of May next was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A proposition from Charles G. Foster on the subject of lighting a portion of the City with Gas Light was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[109] The Comptroller presented the following Report of the Sales of 21 lots of ground belonging to the Corporation at the North River between Dey & Fulton Streets on the 21st instant—which was directed to be filed—Viz:—

Nº 1.	Dey Street	Leonard Kip	$6100.
2	do.	do.	5160.
3.	do	Philip Brasher	4800.
4	do.	do.	4260.
5	do.	Philip Hone	3600.
6	do	William H. Ireland	3760.
7	do.	William Howard	3660.
8	West Street	John Suydam	6540.
9	do.	do.	4280.
10	do	John Van Bussum	4780.
11	do	George Lorillard	4300.
12	do	Isaac Concklin	5700.
13	do	do	11,000.
15	Fulton Street	Philip Hone	7200.
16	do	Joseph Newton	6700.
17	do.	Charles Dennison	6600.
18	do.	Abraham Valentine	7100.
19	do.	Peter Embury	7000.
20	do.	Garritt Storm	7100.
21	do.	Philip Brasher	7100.
22	do	do.	10,400.
			$127,140.

[110] The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following:—

" Application has been made to the Committee of the Fire Department for the purchase of Engine No. 16. Your Committee with the Chief Engineer have taken the same into consideration and recommend the sale of the aforesaid Engine: beg leave to offer the following Resolution:—

" Resolved that the Chief Engineer be authorised to sell Engine No. 16 for Five hundred Dollars."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances. which were passed—Viz—for filling and regulating Dey Street from Washington to West Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors; and one for regulating Varick Street from Van Dam Street to Clarkson Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for cor- [111] rection of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

1	James Hart	Occ.	86	Front Street	A Lot
2	Martin Fury	do	88	do	do
3	P. Lorillard	Own.	85	Water Street	A Privy
	R. Duryee	Occ.			
4	P. Lorillard	Own.	87	do	do
	Joshia L. Dias	Occ.			
5	H. S. Belden	Les. & Occ.	44	Front Street.	do
6	J. Schermerhorn	Own.	60	do	do
	Panton & Wood	Occ.			
7	John Johnson	Own. & Occ.	65	do	do
8	C. Boyd	do. & do.	67	do	do
9	John Brown.	Les. & Occ.	68	do	do
10	John Jones, Agent to estate of Jno. Jones dec^{d}		76	do	do
	George B. Rapelye	Occ.			
11	Jno. Jones—Agent to estate of Jno. Jones dec^{d}		78	do	do
	James Ferris	Occ.			
12	Alex^{r} Ming	Own. & Occ.	84	do	do

13	P. Lorillard	Own.	86	Front Street.	A Privy
	James Hart	Occ			
14	P. Lorillard	Own.	88	do	do
	Martin Fury	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming City Inspector.

[112] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—

"Fire Engine Company No. 31."

Samuel Williams—Carpenter—216 Church St. 5th ward—vice Moses Marsh Resigned

Samuel Roome—Carpenter—39 Provost St. 5 ward vice John Dennis—Resigned.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the petition of John Hopper, reported:—

"That from the best information they can obtain the said gore has been used as street upwards of fifty years: That by the Act to regulate Highways all roads and highways which have been used as such for Twenty years prior to the 21st day of March 1797 shall be deemed public Roads and Highways. Your Committee therefore, believe that whatever title Mr. Hopper may have had to said gore it is now extinguished by the Statute."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

On Motion Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed immediately to take measures for the [113] removal of the incumbrances on Bridge Street.

The Battery Committee, on the petition of D. D. Tompkins & others, reported:—

"That your Committee cannot learn from any Document on file the circumstances under which the old Boat-house in question was built—but are inclined to think from what they learn from some of the said proprietors of papers and others that it was originally erected at the joint expence of those who have heretofore occupied it. Also your Committee understood, and believe such was the understanding of the Board at the time the Report on William Van Beuren's petition was adopted, that the consent then given to erect a new Boat House was on condition that the Old one should be prostrated and that the new one should be a complete substitute as to all persons interested in the Old House. Your Committee beg leave farther to observe that as the area or surface of Water under the new building is more spacious than that under the old, and as all parties—towit Revenue Officers, Health Officers and Printers were comfortably accommodated with room for their respective boats, they can see no reason why the same accommodation should not [114] be afforded under the new building, provided the parties as heretofore would only come to an understanding with each other. Your Committee therefore think it inexpedient to grant the request for the continuance of said Old Boat House and recommend the following Resolutions:—

" Resolved that the Old Boat House be removed on or before the day of April next, and that the Street Commissioner attend to the removal of the same.

" Resolved that those interested in the Materials be permitted to take and carry away the same."

(signed) Peter Mesier
" Jacob B. Taylor
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Stevens
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition of sundry dyers and hatters, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration, and it was resolved that the Attorney be directed not to commence any suits on the law until [115] the further order of the Board.

A Resolution was presented proposing an Amendment to the law respecting the Sale of Crabs prohibiting their being sold in the Streets between the 1st of December and the 25th March—which was referred to the Market Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of an Application to the Legislature to authorise the Corporation to insure against losses by fire was called up. On motion to consider the same it was agreed to. The same being read was in the words following:—

" That they have communicated their proposition to the different Fire Insurance Companies on the subject of uniting with the Corporation in an Application to the Legislature to levy a tax of Ten thousand Dollars on the different Offices and have received for answer that it is not expedient to accede to the same.

They therefore farther report

" That by referring to the accounts of the Comptroller for the last six years it appears that in the Fire Department the sum of $73,903.45 has been expended, making an annual average expenditure of $12,951.77: That in the Watch [116] Department, during the same period, the sum of $302,687.53 has been expended, making an annual average expenditure of $50,447.92—and That in the Lamp Department the sum of $20,316.60 has been expended the last year—forming together the annual sum of $83,716.29: That these Three Departments are intimately connected with each other, for if the City is well watched and lighted, beside giving security to the persons and property of our fellow citizens, many of those calamities will be avoided which proceed from incendiaries as well as the carelessness of many by arresting the flames before they have acquired a considerable ascendancy.

"In a review of the present system it appears to be wholly conducted on erroneous principles. The Corporation by a tax on their fellow citizens furnish nearly the whole of the apparatus for extinguishing of fires. Another class voluntarily give their personal services by which a number are called upon more frequently to discharge the duties of Jurors, and the emoluments arising from Insurance are put into the pockets of those who hold stock in the different companies now incorporated.

[117] "The growing importance of our City and the immense sum with which its Inhabitants are taxed to defray the ordinary expences force upon your Committee the necessity of providing the ways and means to relieve their constituents from a portion of these burthens, and on a full consideration of the whole subject they deem an Application to the Legislature to authorise this Corporation to open an Insurance Company to ensure real and personal estate in the City and County of New York as affording the means of accomplishing in part this purpose.

"By a reference to the Books of the Assessors it appears that the real estate may be estimated at $59,827,285, and the personal estate at $20,426,806, from which it may be estimated that the property properly the subject of Insurance may amount to the sum of $40,000,000, the average rate of Insurance on which, estimated at ½ per cent, would produce the sum of $200,000, in which the office opened by the Corporation would come in for a full proportion of the public patronage in competition with the present Insurance Companies.

"There are strong considerations to induce your Committee to believe that a preference would [118] be given to insurance in the office the Corporation should establish. 1st as the faith of the whole

City and County would be pledged for a re-imbursement in case of loss or damage by fire—: 2^{dly} Every insurer would to the amount of his premium beside obtaining security by that very act diminish his taxes: 3^{dly} Greater vigilance to prevent fires would be called into operation not only against the fire-brand of the incendiary but as to the innumerous acts of negligence now furnishing so copious a source of these calamities.

"To these views of your Committee they believe not a solid objection can be urged, and if those that may be urged be carefully examined they may be traced, they apprehend, to motives of personal interest.

"They therefore confidently recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the application for permission to open such an Insurance Company shall be made under the direction of this Corporation and that the Counsel be directed to draw a Bill to be forwarded with their application comprising this object."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Reuben Munson
" David Board

[119] On the question of agreeing to the Resolution the ayes & nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster the Members voted as follows:

Alderman King requested to be excused from voting, as holding Stock in Insurance Companies he considered himself interested in the decision of the question. On the question of excusing Alderman King it passed in the negative.

The votes on the division were as follows:

Negative. Alderman Mesier Underhill Morss Buckmaster Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Parker Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Alderman King Van Amringe M^{c}Queen Taylor Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board

So it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Taylor gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration.

[120] Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Whereas it is provided, among other things, by the Twelfth Rule of this Board that no member of the Board shall vote on any question in which he shall be immediately interested Therefore Resolved that the Members of this Board who are the owners of stock in any of the chartered Insurance Companies, in this City, are interested in the question now before the Board within the spirit and meaning of the above rule."

Which was agreed to.

The following was presented and agreed to:

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire into the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for a Law to authorise this Board to collect any fines or penalties ordained by this Board not exceeding Twenty five dollars in a summary manner."

The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Committee on Laws be instructed to enquire if the Officers of this Board have complied with the Resolutions of [121] this Board in relation to their several offices, and also to enquire whether any of the offices, officers or persons in the employ of this Board may be dispensed with without injury, and to report the same to the Board."

Resolved that the Board will on Tuesday the 2d of February make the Quarterly visitation of the Alms' house and Penitentiary at Bellevue.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 18th inst	3270.57	
Received for Common Lands	32,094.	
" " Tax of 1818—8th & 10th Wards	1500.	
" " Streets	1725.16	
" " Wells & Pumps	146.13	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.	
" " Commutation Aliens	411.	
" " Mayoralty fees	69.75	39,716.61

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	462.
[122] John McComb, St. Commissioner 1 quarter's Salary 12th instant	500.
Benjamin Crane—Stationary—6 months to 1st instant	144.62
Peter Burtsell—Chamberlain's Stationary	45.62
Edward W. Laight & other Commissionrs and Attorney for opening Varick St	315.52
Hugh Smith—balance for paving Bowling Green Street	213.14
Stephen Ludlum, Surveys, Maps &c. 18th Feb. 1818 to 1st Jany. 1819	394.11
Frederick Yoemans—on account regulating Mercer Street	200.

John Sloan—on account regulating Wooster Street	200.	
Robert Latimer—Work done on 12th Street & upper end Greenwich Street	120.	
Benjamin Hills—on account filling Dey Street Basin	2000.	
Higgins & Parks—on account filling Rutgers' Slip	600.	
John McComb St. Commissioner for earth to fill block at Charlton Street	500.	
[123] J. McComb—Street Commissioner balance for earth at Charlton St.	111.80	
Thomas McCready—for services at the block between Charlton & King Sts.	25.25	
Mechanics' Bank—Bond $8000. & interest—26 days @ 6 per cent	8034.67	
Simon Remsen—Interest on 2 Bonds—1 year to 15th interest	369.86	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs for repairs	800.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Repairs for building Engine houses Nos. 20. 28 Masons' Bills	500.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Repairs for Lamp Department	250.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' house	10,000.	27,611.84
	Balance	12,104.77

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

[124] Blank.

[125] In Common Council Feb. 1. 1819.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
William F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of John Van Sicklen on the subject of a Kitchen said to be against the Fire Law was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of John Randel Jr. praying for reasons stated in his Memorial that time may be given him until the 1st of December next [126] for completion of Maps of Manhattan Island to be made by him and by his Contract to be delivered on the 1st of May next, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was also received from J. Randel Jr. praying for payment of Nine Maps in part of the above Contract, which was also referred to the same Committee.

A petition of sundry persons praying the repeal of the Law regulating the Sale of Crabs was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A memorial of the Female Assistance Society praying some pecuniary aid was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Memorial from Parcells and Armstrong in behalf of the Contractors for filling in and regulating certain streets in Greenwich Village Viz—Perry street, Charles street, Washington street, Amos Street, Herring street and Asylum Street, stating that they conceive a considerable balance is due to the Contractors on those streets notwithstanding it has been [127] stated by the Street Commissioner that a mistake was made in the calculation, and praying the said amount may be paid to them, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from the Inspectors of Manure stating certain amendments that are requisite in the law regulating the Inspection of Manure —was read and referred to the Committee on Laws with a request to send for the Inspectors for information on the subject.

A petition of Jane Raymond, praying on account of her indigent circumstances for relief from payment of an Assessment for a Well and pump in Church Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Edward Elmendorf, Clerk in Chancery, for a room in the Hall for an Office and for a safe deposit for the public papers in his office, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of John Van Wagenen for appointment as Inspector of Lime, and of John [128] Rogers for appointment as an Overseer in the Alms' house and Bridewell—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Jane Brown for permission to sell fruit at the lower end of the Park was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A recommendation for the remission of a fine incurred by Benjamin Wood for neglecting an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was referred to the City Inspector with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition of Thompson Price for remission of fine under the law relative to incumbering the streets was presented. The same was read—whereupon the same was remitted on payment of costs.

A petition from Eve Bunce praying further time for payment of an Assessment for the Basin to be constructed between Oliver Street. and Catharine Slip was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[129] A petition from James Edmonstone, paying licence as a Weigher of Hay and that a Hay Scale be established at Chatham Square, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial from sundry owners and residents in Harman Street, praying the Corporation will delay the opening of said Street for one year, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from certain Owners of land lying within the parcel of land included within the Tract denominated on the Map of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads as the Military Square, that the Corporation would either determine to take and pay for the same or abandon the same to the proprietors, was presented and read. On a motion to lay the same on the Table it passed in the Negative. It was then on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A petition for a Well and pump at the corner of Spring and Orange Streets was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

[130] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, recommending the regulation of certain Streets—Viz. Dey Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead, Washington Street from Dey Street to Fulton Street. West Street from Dey Street to Fulton Street and so much of Fulton Street as may be necessary to conform to the above—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also recommended the regulation and paving of Cedar Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulk[h]ead, of Washington Street from Cedar Street to Carlisle Street and so much of Greenwich and Thames Streets as may be necessary to conform to the above regulations—which was also referred to the Street Committee with a request to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company."
No. 7.

John B. Corse, Tailor, 342 Pearl St. 4th Ward vice John Hitchcock, Resigned.

[131] The Chief Engineer stated that the ground on which Engine house No. 2 was placed belonged to the Methodist Church: that they

were desirous the same should be removed, but would give other ground provided the Corporation would pay one half of the expence of erecting a vault at their church for the Interment of the dead. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer reported that agreeably to the order of the Board he had sold Engine No. 16 for $500 and had paid the same to the City Treasurer; that as Company No. 16 is now destitute of an Engine he recommended the supplying the Company with a new Engine. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	R Jaques S. Crane	Les. Occ.	3	Water Street	a Privy
2	M. Price M. Stephenson	Own. Occ.	4	do	do
3.	[132] John Ball E. Matchet	Own. Occ.	3	Moore Street	do
4	W^{m} E. Matthews	Own. & Occ.	5	do	do
5	P. M^{c}Gee	do do	24	do	do
6	Jno. Delancy L. Concklin	Own. Occ.	28	do	do
7	T. Ellison T. Johnson	Own. Occ.	31	do	do
8	R. Jaques M. Decker	Les. Occ.	4	Front Street	do
9	Jehiel Jaggar M. Goodwin	Agt. Occ.	8	do	do
10	Jehiel Jaggar Jas. Patterson	Agt. Occ.	9	do	do
11	Jehiel Jaggar T. Van Brunt	Agt. Occ.	10	do	do
12	M. Dissosway, Executor to E. Dissosway deceased R. P. Bell	 Occ.	12	do	do
13	Jno. Delafield C. Curtis	Own. Occ.	26	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[133] The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Daniel Codwise, Reported:

"That they have carefully enquired in the matter set forth in said Memorial and that they are of opinion that the statement is substantially true. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the sum of $21.50 assessed on James Codwise be remitted and that the Clerk of the Common Council give notice to the Collector of the Eighth Ward."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Shivers Parker
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the petition of John J. Astor & others, reported:—

"That in the opinion of your Committee the subject is one of great importance and requires that immediate and decisive measures should be taken to counteract the effects which may be produced on the minds of the Legislature by the Memorial alluded to. The evils which would grow out of a measure that shall take [134] from the Corporation the power of completing the plans for the permanent regulation of the Streets and Avenues on which so much time and money have been already expended and which are in some instances carried into effect, are incalculable—for it is not only the loss of the money already expended which is to be feared, but the theoretic notions of the new Commissioners may probably clash with the experience and practical knowledge of those who have made the subject a study of many years, and all that has been done must be demolished to meet their views—by which not only an expence that cannot easily be estimated would be incurred but confusion and disorder be the consequence.

"The Committee are unable to conceive the motives which have induced the application alluded to, and were it not for the known intelligence and respectability of the gentlemen concerned they should be ready to attribute them to something more than public good or general utility—for is it to be credited that with a knowledge of the large sums expended by the Corporation in obtaining [135] the elevations of the several monuments which designate the courses of the Avenues and streets and in making a map on which such elevations are to be marked, and that two Surveyors are now actively employed in taking profiles of the Streets as far up as 25th Street from which is to be prepared a Model (also in progress) shewing distinctly the elevations and depressions of all the Streets and Avenues in that part of the City, that these gentlemen can with proper views attempt to impress the Legislature with a belief that nothing has been effected in relation to this important object?

"The Committee are constrained to enter their united protest against the measure applied for by the Memorialists, and therefore recommend that a respectful remonstrance be presented to the Legislature, on behalf of the Corporation, pointing out the evils that will result to the Community should the plans already in operation be destroyed—and they present the following Resolution accordingly

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board, in conjunction with the Street Commissioner, be instructed to prepare a remonstrance to the Legislature against the Memorial and petition of [136] John Jacob Astor and others praying that Commissioners be appointed to regulate and adjust the levels of the Streets and Avenues not already regulated, and that they report such remonstrance to the Board for their sanction at their next meeting."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" John Morss
" George Buckmaster
" E. W. King

which was agreed to and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the petition of Henry Ward, reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee Mr. Ward is not bound to pay the Assessment imposed on him by the Assessors of the Second Ward, inasmuch as he actually resided in the first Ward at the time of his being Assessed there and has since paid to the Collector the amount of tax required of him, and that the circumstances of his after [137] removal to the Second Ward cannot in justice subject him to a second Assessment. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Comptroller instruct the Collector of the

Second Ward to return the amount of Tax Assessed on Henry Ward as an error of Assessment."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of Silvanus Miller on the Award to Sarah B. Payne, Reported:

" That in their opinion no other legal disposition can be made of the money than that pointed out by law which in substance declares that the sums awarded to persons under the age of Twenty one years shall be paid into the Supreme Court of Judicature to be secured, disposed of and improved as the said Court shall direct. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in the Communication [138] above alluded to."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Recorder moved that the Report of the Committee of the 18th of January for taking a point of land at Corlaer's Hook and at Fort Gansevoort and for enlarging the Battery be now considered.

On the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative.

It was then moved that the Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature of the 28th December be now considered—which was agreed to.

The Report being under consideration, Mr. Allen withdrew the amendment which he had proposed at a former meeting (the consideration of which had been postponed) and proposed the following amendment:

——— " as follows, on the real estate in the 1st Ward 2½ mills on every dollar: on the real estate in the 2d ward 1¾ mills on [139] every dollar: on the real estate in the 3d Ward 1¾ mills on every dollar: on the real estate in the 4th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 5th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 6th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 7th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 8th Ward

½ a mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 9th Ward ¼ of a mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 10th Ward ½ a mill on every dollar: and that the said Supervisors assess on the personal estate in said City such sum as will complete the whole amount required for the purposes aforesaid."

The question having been taken thereon and the yeas & nays called by Alderman Buckmaster, the members voted as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King Underhill: Van Amringe Morss: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens Kip: Schieffelin

Affirmative Ald. McQueen: Buckmaster Munson. Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Parker: Board Allen.

So the question was lost.

[140] Mr. Allen then moved to strike out and insert 'and forming a promenade at Corlaer's Hook.'

The ayes and nays having been called by Mr. Allen it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier: King Van Amringe Morss McQueen Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens, Kip Schieffelin

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Allen.

Mr. Parker then moved to insert after the word Battery ' and also for the purpose of paying for the property composing the Military Square.'

The Ayes and Nays having been called by the Recorder, Mr. Schieffelin having at his own request been excused from voting he having an interest in the lands of the Military Square, the question was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

[141] Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Taylor Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony.

It was then moved that the subject be referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places. It was moved as an amendment that the Committee of which the Recorder is Chairman be added. On the question of agreeing to the same, the Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier: King Underhill: Vn Amringe Morss: Taylor Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Schieffelin: Allen

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldn McQueen: *Muckbaster* [Buckmaster] Thorp: Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Parker: Board

[142] A motion was then made and the question taken on referring it to the Committee on Public Lands & Places and to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature with the addition of Mr. Stevens and agreed to

Mr. Stevens moved a Resolution that Gurdon Manwaring be reappointed a City Weigher.

Mr. Bolton moved that the name of William Harriman be added to the Resolution—which was agreed to.

It was moved that the name of Lewis Angevine be also added.

A motion was then made for adjournment and carried.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 25th January	$12,104.77
Received for Rents	1185.50
" " Common Lands	9.
" " Tax 1818—1d 2d 3d 7th 8th Wards	13,000.
" " Fire Department Engine No 16	500.
" " Streets	1593.70
" " Wells & Pumps	41.95
	28,434.92

[143] Accounts Audited.

J. Morton—Clerk—1 quarter's Salary 1 Feb. $312.50—Bad Bills $8	320.50
Wm Hoghland—Keeper of Penitentiary & 3 Assistants 1 qr. 1st instant	587.50
G. Sickels—Keeper of City Prison & 2 Assistants 1 qr. 1st instant	350.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Obadiah Ayres—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Astin and Cochrane—Messengers 1 month 1st instant	60.
Danl H. Magee—Keeper Pottersfield 1 month 1st instant	46.50
N. Philips—6 mo. subscription National Advocate 1st instant	75.
Chs. Del Vecchio—framing C*l*ertificate relating to Capt. Lawrence deceased	30.
[144] Borden Chase for 6 Casks Oil	804.88
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg Lamps—1 month 1st instant	767.39
Danl. Biggs—Work at lamps—1 qr. 1st inst	34.24
Jno. Williams on act regg Green St	500.
Chs. Mooney do. do. Collect St	400.
John Bailey—repairing Pearl St. between Cross & Elm Streets	250.

Frederick Yoemans—on account regulating Mercer Street..	200.	
Thomas and George Lovett—Award for Bancker Street...	67.	
W. Fish—Treasurer—to pay Twenty sixth Dividend City Stock due 1st instant..................................	12,000.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms house..........	5,000.	21,701.01
	Balance	$6,733.91

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue tomorrow at One o'clock.

[145] Bellevue—In Common Council Feb. 2, 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

Mr. Stevens moved that the Board proceed to act on the Resolution presented by him for the appointment of Gurdon Manwaring as Weighmaster and the amendment for adding the name of W^m^ Harriman to the Resolution. While the same was under consideration a motion was made for an adjournment and carried.

The Board then proceeded to visit the several Departments of the Bellevue Establishment and

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[146] In Common Council Feb. 8. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elsha W. King
Anthony L. Underhill
W. F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
David Board
Effinghm Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of John Brown for remission of fine incurred by driving a Cart without being numbered was read and fine remitted without costs.

A petition of Isaac and Joseph Valentine requesting that in the proposed sale of the [147] Hay Scales the condition may be that if not purchased by the present lessees the purchasers may be obliged to pay for the Scales to the present Lessees, was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition*er*s.

A petition from Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights & Measures, stating that he was at considerable expence in examining the Beams and Measures for which he had no compensation excepting the penalty which produced but little and praying the interference of the Board—was read; whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A petition of Hugh McCormick, praying relief respecting a claim now made on him for Tax on No. 56 Ferry Street for years 1812 & 1813, believing he has already paid the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying that Frankfort Street may be widened on the North side of said street from Chatham to William Street. A Remonstrance against said measure which was presented at the [148] last meeting and laid on the table was now called up and together with the petition referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from John McComb for permission to construct a vault in front of his lot in Washington Street between Duane and Jay Streets, was read and granted on the usual terms.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants that Grand Street may be continued to Sullivan Street and that Thompson Street be extended from Vestry to Canal Street, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Leonard Toms for relief from a fine incurred by selling liquor without licence, was read & leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Whitehead Hicks and Michael M. Titus, stating that a complaint had been made against them for having a pile of boards in Water Street between Pike & Market Streets: that said [149] boards were piled under the direction of Mr. Weeden one of the Street Inspectors—and praying relief, was read and referred to the attorney with authority to remit.

A petition of Francis Wunnenburg for an appointment to some office and of John Price to be appointed Keeper of Potters' field were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

An application was received from Gouverneur Kemble in behalf of the West Point Foundry Association, offering to supply to the Corporation Cast Iron Railing to be placed around the Park & Battery—and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A petition of James Lowerre to rent the Slip or Basin on the West side of the City at the foot of Canal Street offering therefor the sum of $500 per annum for 8 or 10 years or $400 per annum for the same until the same is devoted by the Corporation to public use, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from L. & Joseph Webb was received, [150] stating that under the expectation that the permanent Sewer would be carried through Hamersley Street where the Drain now is they had taken out their Water grant at the foot of Clarkson Street and made ground at the expence of $13000 for the purposes of a Ship yard. They therefore pray that the permanent sewer may not be carried thro' Clarkson Street but may be carried thro' Hamersley Street. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Greenwich Village.

A petition from sundry Owners of lots in Harman Street praying that the improvement of opening said street may be carried into effect after the 1st of May next, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Nathaniel & Harvey Weed and Benjamin Bailey, praying that Greenwich Street in front of Albany Basin and that Cedar

Street be regulated agreeably to the survey made prior to the sale of the property at that place, was read & laid on the Table.

[151] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies: viz.

Fire Engine Companies.

No. 6.

James Sharp—Mason. No. 3 Thomas St. 5th Ward vice Conrad Brooks—Resigned

No. 15.

Jas. B. Ackerman—Chair Maker 91 Murray St. 6th Ward vice John Hyer. Resigned.

No. 40.

Oliver Edwards—Chair Maker 150 Grand St. 10th Ward vice Thomas Harrison—Resigned.

Henry H. Traver, Carman, 231 Mulberry St. 8th Ward vice Oliver Secor, Removed.

Lewis Singer—Ship Wright—67 Forsythe St. 10th Ward vice Adam Thompson, Resigned.

Davd W. Reymer—Accountant—64 Forsythe St. 10th Ward vice Robt. McFarran, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed: viz.

1	Benj. W. Coles Heny. Johnson	Own. Occ.	49	Pearl Street	a Lot
2	Mrs. O'Neil Jas. Sergeant	Own. Occ.	16	Orchard Street	a Privy
3	[152] C. H. Dall Thos. Palmer	Own. Occ.	45	Anthony St.	do
4	Andrew Ogden Chs. Debost	Own. Occ.	103	William St.	do
5	Kinnan & Mead	Own. & Occ.	93	Broad St.	do
6	Owen Murphy M. Sexton	Les. Occ.	38	Pearl St.	do
7	Thos. A. Morris Owen Murphy	Own. Les. & Occ.	48	do	do
8	Owen Murphy John Hull	Les. Occ.	50	do	do
9	Owen Murphy	Les. & Occ.	51	do	do

10	Jno. Y. Zebra Mary Rutherford	Les. Occ.	56 Pearl St.	a Privy
11	W^{m} & Ab^{m} Lester S. Garland	Own. Occ.	63 do	do
12	L. Noe Mrs. C. W. Noyes	Own. Occ.	64 do	do
13	John Heyer—Executor to eastate of John Gardner George Long	Occ.	71 do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[153] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on Assessment and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same. viz.

For regulating Perry Street	$226.17
do. Washington Street	293.47
do. Asylum Street	182.65
do. Hudson Street	20.37
do. Charles Street	159.38½
do. Amos Street	13.01
do. Hammond Street	56.47
do. Greenwich Street	1080.38
For Curbing Washington Street	621.
For a Well & Pump in King Street	4.
do. do. Laight Street	7.
do. do. Vandam Street	7.
do. do.	
For regulating & paving Sixth Street	160.23
For repaving James Street	5.13
do. Provost Street	30.03
do. Roosevelt Street	93.57

(signed) John M^{c}Comb
Street Commissioner

[154] The Street Commissioner presented a communication recommending permission to be given to erect Lime houses in all streets of 50 feet wide and upwards from this time and to be a general privilege from and after the 1st of March provided the Buildings are actually progressing. Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3^{d} Ward with authority to grant permission to erect Lime-houses within that Ward.

He also presented the following Ordinances, which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed assessors in each. Viz. for regulating and paving Albany

Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead; Cedar Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead; Washington Street from Cedar Street to Carlisle Street, and Greenwich Street from Albany Street to Cedar Street.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Spring Street near the junction of Orange & Spring Streets—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Bau- [155] douine and John Brower were appointed assessors.

The Counsel submitted for execution the following Deeds for lots of land upon the Block near Washington Market—which were directed to be duly executed: Viz.

A Deed to Leonard Kip & Henry E. Ingraham for Lots Nos. 1 & 2.

A Deed to William H. and Joseph Ireland for Lot No. 6.

A Deed to Joseph Newton for Lot No. 16.

He also presented a Communication, stating that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on Harman, Grand & Carmine Streets and on Avenue 'D' have been confirmed by the Supreme Court and he recommended that Collectors be appointed to collect the assessments in such of the cases as it is intended shall be carried into effect on the 1st of May—Which Report was ordered to be filed. It was afterwards ordered that the subject of Harman, Grand and Carmine Streets be referred to the Street Committee and that of Avenue 'D' to the Road Committee.

[156] He also presented the draught of a Memorial and Remonstrance to the Legislature upon the subject of regulating Streets which he had prepared in conjunction with the Street Commissioner agreeably to the order of the Board—which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to insert in said Memorial the further steps which the Common Council had taken in relation to the regulation of the Streets and Roads by causing a model in wood to be constructed giving the heights, levels and courses of the Streets as contemplated to be improved. The same Committee were authorized to cause the said Memorial to be authenticated during the recess of the Board and to be transmitted to the Legislature.

The Committee on Public Lands & Places and the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom jointly were referred the First Resolution of the Report of the last mentioned Committee made on the 28th of December last and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Parker and also the Memorial of the Owners and Representatives of owners of Lands lying in the Military [157] Square complaining of the neglect of the Corporation in not complying with the views of the Legislature and praying them to purchase the same or, if more desirable, to concur in an Application to the Legislature for permission to abandon the same, Report

" That their attention has been frequently engaged in examining the subjects referred to them and that they find both highly deserving nay requiring the immediate attention of the Corporation. The injury done to the Battery by the storm in December last has been so extensive and has so effectually ruined the whole front line as to render the erection of an entire new Bulkhead indispensible; and as enlarging the area of the Battery at the same time will contribute essentially not only to the improvement of the City but promote the convenience and comfort of the citizens to a degree infinitely beyond the expence, your Committee cannot but approve of the Report and plan in relation to this subject presented by the Battery Committee and adopted by the Board.

" With respect to the Military Square your Committee, notwithstanding they acknowledge the justness of the claim of the Memorialists and feel in a measure the hardships represented, still [158] they think the propriety of the views of the Corporation in not having relieved them before are animadverted on with rather too much asperity. The necessity of extinguishing as soon as possible the rights of individuals in the places and squares laid down by the Commissioners appointed by the Act of 1807 has more or less occupied the attention of the Corporation since the filing on record their Map, and though no particular scheme of finance to effect the object has been proposed still great solicitude to relieve the Memorialists and those similarly situated has always been expressed by every member of the Board.

Had the funds of the Corporation been adequate no complaint would have been heard and the powers contained in said Act would have been executed within the period contemplated perhaps by the Legislature. But now, however, your Committee think this subject ought to be attended to, and as the claims for relief by the proprietors of the Military Square are so just and so earnestly made they would suggest the policy of an immediate endeavour to satisfy them.

Notwithstanding a considerable reduction [159] has been authorized by the Legislature of this parade still your Committee are persuaded a further curtailment may be made without prejudicing in the least the convenience of this spot for military exercise. The Square contains at present about 89 Acres and if reduced on the plan proposed by one of the subjoined Resolutions to somewhat about 57 acres, it will yet answer every purpose contemplated by the Commissioners: and as the amount required to make the purchase will thereby be brought more within the reach of the ability of the Corporation, your Committee beg leave to recommend the measure.

"The sum to effect these important objects must necessarily be very considerable as *as* our taxes are perhaps already sufficiently burthensome, your Committee have concluded it would be more advisable to raise gradually a fund for this purpose by a small additional Tax on real & personal property for a few years than to excite discontent by a levy of heavy contributions at any one time, and therefore humbly submit the following Resolutions:

I. Resolved that Application be made to the Legislature for power to lay a Tax of one third of a Mill on a Dollar on the real [160] and personal property in this City annually until the proceeds thereof shall amount to a sum adequate to pay for repairing and improving the Battery and also to purchase the Military Square.

"II. Resolved that a similar application be made for power to reduce at the discretion of the Corporation the Military Square by selling off a range of lots on each side not to exceed 200 feet deep.

"III. Resolved that a similar application be made, in case any part of the Military Square cannot be obtained by purchase, that then on Application to the Supreme Court they shall be authorized to appoint Commissioners to fix the value of the part which cannot be purchased and that so much of the law as relates to assessing the amount of monies expended by the Corporation on account of the purchase of said Square on the property benefitted thereby may be suspended."

(signed) Peter Mesier E. W. King
" Samuel Stevens R. McQueen.
" Geo. B. Thorp E. Schieffelin
" W. F. Van Amringe Shivers Parker

The same having been read and the [161] first Resolution being under consideration it was moved to divide and consider separately the proposals in relation to the Battery and the Military Square—which was agreed to.

The first part of the first Resolution being under consideration, Mr. Allen moved to insert after the word 'Battery' the following:—'and for the purpose of paying the expence of regulating and paving 'one third part of the Bowery'

The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. Alderman Morss then moved after the Word Legislature to insert as follows:—'to raise $120,000 by a Tax on the real & personal estate 'in this City to be assessed on the several Wards in such proportions 'as the Supervisors may determine to be applied to improving and 'repairing the Battery.' Mr. Board moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word 'improving.' The question being taken thereon and the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Van Amringe it passed in the Negative

Negat. Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} Mesier: King: Underhill Van Amringe: Morss: M^{c}Queen Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip Anthony: Schieffelin

Affir Aldn. Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Allen

[162] The Question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Alderman Morss and lost, the Members upon the ayes & nays having been caleld by Alderman Buckmaster voting as follows:—

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldn. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe M^{c}Queen Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Ald^{n}. Morss Buckmaster Taylor Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board.

The question was then taken on the first part of the first Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative: the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Mesier the Votes stood as follows:—

Affmt^{ve} Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King: Underhill Van Amringe: M^{c}Queen: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker Schieffelin

Negative Ald. Morss: Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Board: Allen

[163] The Second part of the said first Resolution was then taken under consideration and Mr. Schieffelin moved as an amendment after the words 'Military Square' to add 'and that an application be made 'to the Legislature of this State for a repeal of so much of the Act 'entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out "of Street & Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" as prohibits 'the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to be 'appointed by said Act from allowing any compensation from Build'ings hertofore erected subsequently to the filing of the Map made 'by the Commissioners of Streets & Roads appointed by the before 'mentioned act on the public squares laid out by them.' A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to refer this amendment and the subject

to the Committee from whom the Report had been received. After some discussion Mr. Schieffelin withdrew his amendment. Mr. Recorder then proposed as an Amendment that after the words 'Mili-'tary Square' should be added 'and also for taking and reserving 'under the authority of this Board a proper site at Corlaer's Hook on 'the East River and another proper site at or near Fort [164] Gansevoort on the North River for public Walks.'

The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Nays being called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt Schieffelin

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen M^cQueen Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Parker Board Allen

Alderman Taylor then moved that after the Words 'Military Square' there be added the words 'and the improvements thereon.'

The question having been taken thereon and Mr. Schieffelin at his own request having been excused from voting it passed in the Negative the members voting as follows, the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman [165] Buckmaster:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt Parker Allen

Affirmative Alderman Taylor Mr. Board

The question was then taken on the Second part of the first Resolution and the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Van Amringe, it was carried in the affirmative as follows:—

Affir. Mr. Recorder—Ald Mesier: King: Underhill: M^cQueen Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp: Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker: Board: Schieffelin: Allen

Neg. Ald. Van Amringe: Morss: Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt

[166] The question being then about to be taken on the whole of the First Resolution, the Recorder moved that the previous question be taken. His Honor the Mayor accordingly put the question as follows: "Shall the main question be now put" and the Ayes & Nays being called for by the Recorder, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:—

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Board Schieffelin

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Allen

The question was then taken on agreeing to the whole of the first Resolution and the Ayes and Nays being required by Alderman [167] Munson it was carried in the Affirmative, the Members voting as follows:—

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Schieffelin

Negative Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen

The Second Resolution was then taken into consideration and on the question of agreeing to the same the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King [168] Underhill Van Amringe M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Board Allen

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs Westervelt Schieffelin

So the Second Resolution was agreed to.

The Third Resolution was then taken into consideration and on the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the several Resolutions and was agreed to and the Counsel was directed to prepare and report the necessary Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith at the next meeting of the Board.

[169] The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Legrand Jarvis, reported:

"That he has made due enquiry respecting the abilities of the petitioner for a City Surveyor, and is happy to state that he can with confidence recommend Mr. Jarvis to the attention of the Common Council as a young man possessing the requisite qualifications for a Surveyor He has had a suitable education, is sober, steady and industrious, and the undersigned has no doubt that when he shall have acquired more practical information he will prove a useful Surveyor, if it should meet the pleasure of the Common Council to appoint him to that office.

"The map of the Sixth Ward herewith presented, which has been drawn from actual Survey, is a specimen of his talents as a draftsman."

(signed) John M^cComb
Street Commissioner

Whereupon the said LeGrand Jarvis was appointed a City Surveyor.

[170] The Committee of the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Report of the Chief Engineer, stating that Engine Company No. 16 is destitute of a machine and suggesting the propriety of furnishing said Company with a new Engine of the usual size with the necessary apparatus, Reported:

" That it is the opinion of the Committee that Engine Company No. 16 ought to be furnished with a new Engine and apparatus of the usual size.

" Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to procure a new Engine and the necessary apparatus of the usual size for Engine Company No. 16."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^c^Queen
" A. L. Underhill

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Edmond Elmendorf, reported:

" That the papers under the charge of Mr. Elmendorf are highly important to the Community, as effecting the title to a very considerable part of the real Estate [171] in the State of New York, your Committee think these papers should have a place of deposit in the Hall. They recommend the following Resolutions:—

" Resolved that the Clerk in Chancery have during the pleasure of the Board the use of the back or North Eastern Room in the Third Story of the City Hall.

" Resolved that the Keeper of the City Hall permit no lights to be used in any of the Rooms in the Hall (excepting the Court Rooms and those used by the Officers of the Board) without the special permission of the Corporation."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Applications, to whom was referred the petitions of Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson for appointment of Weighmasters, reported:

" That they believe them to be fit and proper persons to receive that appointment Thereupon your Committee offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Gurdon Manwaring, [172] Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson be appointed Weighers for the City and County of New York."

(signed) David Board
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was directed to lay on the Table.

A Resolution was presented by Mr. Board as follows:

"Resolved that the Resolution of this Board restraining the appointment of any more Weighmasters until the number shall be reduced to Fifteen be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Allen moved to add as an amendment the words 'so far as 'respects Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. 'Anderson.'

The question being taken on the amendment it passed in the Negative.

The question was then taken on the Resolution, and the Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Van Amringe, it passed in the Negative, the Members voting as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King [173] Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt

Affirmative Aldermen McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

A motion was then made to postpone the further consideration of the subject. The question being taken thereon and the Ayes & Nays called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony Westervelt

[174] It was then moved that the Board proceed to appoint the persons named in the Report of the Committee.

It was moved that the previous question be taken.

A motion was made for an adjournment which was lost.

His Honor the Mayor then put the question 'Shall the main question be now put?' which was carried in the Affirmative, the Ayes and Nays being called by Alderman Mesier and the Members voting as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen M^c^Queen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony

The question was then taken on the motion to proceed to the appointment [175] and carried in the affirmative, the ayes and nays having been called by Alderman King and the members voting as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen M^c^Queen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Taylor Messrs. Bolton Kip

A motion was made to ballot for the persons separately—which passed in the Negative.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Three Weighmasters and Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson were appointed to that Office.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert H. Bowne, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

[176] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Commissioners of Assessment for opening and extending Beekman Street be requested to suspend their Assessments until the further order of the Board."

Alderman Van Amringe presented the following:—

" Resolved that during the continuance of any Resolution or Ordinance of this Board no other motion or Resolution shall be received in opposition to such Resolution or Ordinance than to suspend or repeal the same."

Which was read & laid for consideration.

The following was presented:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to have the fence of the Park in Duane Street set back so as to correspond with the West side of Hudson Street."

Which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Resolution that the Finance Committee [177] be directed to reconsider their report presented at the last meeting on the petition of Silvanus Miller was presented, and the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

A Resolution requesting the Mayor to limit the number of Tavern Licences in the ensuing year was read and laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 1st inst.	6733.91	
Received for Rents	1798.44	
“ “ Tax of 1818—5th & 10th Wards	3000.	
“ “ Common Lands	4482.20	
“ “ Excise	28.	
“ “ Streets	1263.85	
“ “ Wells & Pumps	200.	17,506.40

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do 3d do	462.	
John Burger—regulating public clocks 1 quarter 1st instant	66.66	
[178] Ogden Edwards—Expences to Albany on public business	128.	
Peter Schermerhorn—6 months int. on Bond 1st instant	450.	
Egbert Benson—Interest on Bond assigned by Peter W. Radcliff—18 months to 1st instant	231.79	
Peter Debaum—Balance—regulating Hudson Street	1000.	
James Meghan—on account—paving Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank Street	400.	
Hugh Smith for paving Roosevelt Street	300.	
John Sloan—balance regulating Laurens Street	303.30	
Terence Tiffany—balance regulating Willet Street	163.30	
John Bailey—balance—repaving Pearl Street	101.39	
John Stanley—balance on paving Crosby Street	330.24	
John Brow*n*[er] & Colleagues—making sundry Assessments	336.90	
John Mullanphy—1 qr's rent wharf at Courtlandt Street 1st instant	75.	
[179] Thomas Barnum—Superintending Wharves 24 days to 7th instant	48.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supdt of Repairs for Repairs	725.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Lamp Department reprs. &c. in Jany	150.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs—for Fire Department	125.	
Richard Furman—Supt Alms' house for support of Maniacs in New York Hospital balance of acct in full to 31 Dec. 1816	4971.99	12,193.82
	Balance	5312.58

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[180] In Common Council Feb. 15. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anthony L. Underhill
John Morss
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Eff^{m} Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a polite communication from Stevens the Intendant of the City of Charleston South Carolina accompanied by two copies of the Laws & Ordinances of the City of Charleston in elegant bindings—Whereupon the following Resolution [181] was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to:

" Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested, in behalf of this Common Council, to have bound and transmitted, to the Intendant and City Council of Charleston Two Copies of the Ordinances of this Board and to assure the City Council of Charleston that this Common Council have received with great pleasure this mark of their attention and that it will ever give this Board sincere pleasure to reciprocate with them acts of individual kindness and unite in measures interesting to the welfare of their respective Cities."

The Mayor also laid before the Board the following presentment of the Grand Jury, which was directed to be filed and entered on the Minutes

The Grand Jury for the body of the City and County of New York, being about to close their labors, feel it a duty incumbent on them to manifest their approbation of the course of conduct which has been pursued by the Chief Magistrate of this City in restricting as far as practicable the granting of licences to retail spirituous liquors to that description of persons whose principal business is that of selling drams.

[182] " Upon a careful review of the cases which have come under our cognizance during the present term of the Court, we find that a great majority have arisen either in Dram Shops or from causes intit-

mately connected with them, and from a comparative statement of the difference between the business which has come before us at the present Sessions with that which has been acted upon at former periods when serving as Grand Jurors, it is evident to us that crimes have lessened. The information we have derived from the Police Magistrates that their business has decreased nearly one half is matter of congratulation to all good Citizens. This may be owing to a combination of causes. The vigilance of our Police almost insures certain detection of crime. The prompt and due administration of justice, by which offenders are brought to speedy and condign punishment and the certainty of that punishment being inflicted without favor or prejudice claim to be the prominent causes why crimes have decreased. The introduction of Sunday Schools throughout the various parts of our [183] City has had a very salutary effect upon the minds and morals of the poorer classes of society, and it may fairly be inferred that the suppression of Five hundred Dram Shops in one year is another cause to which the reduction of crime may be attributed and that it requires still further and greater exertions, not only on the part of the Chief Magistrate but of all good Citizens to lend him their aid in limiting and suppressing their number. We therefore find it our duty to declare on oath that we consider them public Nuisances and pledge ourselves as Citizens to use our influence and exertions in support of any suitable plan or system that shall have for its object their further reduction."

By order of the Grand Jury
(signed) Isaac S. Douglass. Foreman.
Amos Palmer Secretary.
Feb. 12. 1819

Extract from the Minutes
(signed) John W. Wyman
Clerk.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed and entered on the Minutes.

[184] A petition was received from George Robertson, stating that he is owner of a Lot of ground situated on the West side of East Bank Street in the village of Greenwich: that the same has been taken for 13th Street: that he has received no compensation therefor, and praying relief from the Board. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 1st Ward remonstrating against the charge of 20 cents per day on all River Sloops and Market

Boats which shall be laid up during the winter Season in any of the public Docks or Slips particularly as it relates to the public Slip or Basin generally called Lent's Basin—which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Helen Taylor, the Widow of Taylor a fireman who lost his life at a fire, and to whom an annuity was allowed by the Common Council, praying Two years advance of the said pension, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[185] A petition of Joseph Sanford, praying relief from a fine imposed on him for sifting lime in the Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Attorney.

A petition from Sundry Owners & Inhabitants of Beekman Street praying that in the proposed improvement of said Street a line may be struck on the Northeast side of said Street from Abraham Hallett's house to the Southwest side of Ann Byvan*ni*ck's property on South Street and to run a line parallel thereto from Pearl Street to the East River.

A remonstrance against the above proposed improvement being made was presented from a considerable number of owners and Inhabitants in Beekman Street, and the petition and Remonstrance were referred to the Committee on Streets and the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A petition of John Taylor for remission of fine incurred by leaving his grate in the Street uncovered was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[186] A petition of John Norman for Stall No. 39 Fly Market, one from Henry Lyons for Stall No. 41 Washington Market, one from Benjamin Davis and Solomon Dean for permission to exchange Stalls No. 10 Washington Market and No. 43 Catharine Market with each other, and one from Amos Wood for a Stall in Grand Street Market at Corlaer's Hook were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Henry W. George for appointment as Keeper of Potters' field was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Holly Waterbury praying for the appointment of Superintendant or Keeper of the Mud Machine now vacant by the death of Mr. Porsiana, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A petition from William Hunter, William Vail and Thomas Morrell, lessees of Grand Street Ferry, praying to be permitted to transfer the lease of said ferry to David Dunham, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[187] A petition of John Armstrong for appointment of Weigher of Hay, stating that he had rented the house now occupied by Stephen Huestis to which is attached a pair of Hay Scales, and a remonstrance from Stephen Huestis against granting the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to report a statement of facts.

A Communication was received from N. & H. Weed, stating that they were purchasers of a lot of ground at the Albany Basin at the late Corporation Sales: that the note given by them for the 3d payment fell due on the 11th instant and they called upon the Treasurer to pay the same but the note could not be found; that they are ready to pay the same and therefore do not expect to pay interest on the note. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Remonstrance from sundry owners of ground in the Military Square stating objections to the Resolution of the Common Council lately passed for taking the same was read and laid for consideration.

[188] A petition for a Well and Pump corner of Broome and Essex Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of T. Seely praying further time for complying with an Ordinance in relation to a privy was read and referred to the City Inspector with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Lispenard Street may be opened to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Dey Street from the Easterly side of Greenwich Street to the Westerly side of West Street and also so much of Greenwich Street as may be necessary to make it conform to the regulation of Dey Street—also an Ordinance for regulating and paving Washington Street between Dey and Fulton Streets—which [189] were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Chief Engineer presented a Communication stating that in different parts of the City Hydrants have been erected by individuals at their own expence, and as they are sometimes out of repair he recommended that they be repaired at the public expence: which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease of Two Lots of ground at Yorkton on Long Island to Thomas Morrell drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel also, agreeably to the orders of the Board, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith, which Bill was entitled ' An Act to provide for the expence of extending the Battery and purchasing the parade in the City of New York '—which having been considered, amended and the [190] blanks therein filled, was agreed to and directed to be duly authenticated by the Signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

The Comptroller presented the following list of public property sold at auction on the 11th instant agreeably to an order of the 18th January last: Viz.

	per Annum
The Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip for 3 years from 1st May next to Isaac Valentine at per Annum	125.
The Hay Scales at Duane Slip for the same period—Abraham Hart	1830.
House & Lot No. 265 William Street—for 7 years—Frederick McCready	400.
School Room in Engine house Rose St. for 3 years—Frederick Fowler	125.
House & Lot corner of Beach & Chapel Streets for 7 years—Isaac Russel	190.
Cellars under Centre Market for 2 years.	
John Hilliker No. 1	10.
Joseph Blackwell 2	10.
Francis Watson 3	9.
Mary Talbot 4	9.
[191] Jeremy Twillegar 5	6.
Charles Miller 6	5.
Catharine Barr 7	6.
Ann Shays 8	5.
Catharine Barr 9	5.
	2735.
The above mentioned property has produced the past year	1410.50
Increase per Annum	1324.50

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Which was directed to be filed & entered on the Minutes.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for correction of the following Nuisance:

1. James Morris. Mead Wheeler	Own. Occ	19 Broad way	a Privy

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Which Ordinance was passed.

[192] The City Inspector presented a Communication on the subject of Acker's Scale for the measurement of Firewood—which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the va[ca]ncies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

John Drake Mercht 75 Pearl St. 1st Ward vice John D. Brown. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 13."

John Hurry Accountt 53 Beekman 2d Ward vice Samuel W. Coates Resigned.

The Finance Committee on the application of James Lowerre, reported

"That in consequence of the quantity of earth deposited in said Slip by the wash of the Drain through Canal Street it is rendered entirely useless for the accommodation of vessels, and since the construction of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street every purpose of accommodation is answered. The Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the said Slip may be rented [193] for the purposes contemplated by Mr. Lowerre without any detriment to the public or loss of revenue on the part of the Contractors for the public docks and Slips; but, as it will eventually be necessary to fill in this Basin, the Committee have thought it advisable to reserve to the Corporation the right of placing a Bulkhead at their discretion in the opening of said Slip for the purpose of preventing the earth from escaping to the Channel of the River, by which so much will be gained in the filling of said Basin and at the same time the shoaling of the water in the Channel be prevented. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to rent to James Lowerre for Two years from the first day of May next, and until the Corporation shall require the use thereof at the annual rent of 500 dollars, the Slip or Basin at the foot of Canal Street, reserving to the

Corporation the right, at their discretion, of placing a Bulkhead in the opening of said Slip not to exceed Two feet above low water mark, and also reserving as aforesaid the use of the outer part of the [194] Wharf around the whole extent of said Slip or Basin: And that in renting the public docks & Slips the said Slip or basin, except so much of the outer part thereof reserved by the Corporation, be excluded Provided the said James Lowerre shall, on or before the 18th instant, accede to the terms hereby offered."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Randel Jr. Reported:

" That they have examined the parts of the Map alluded to in the papers referred to them, and in the opinion of your Committee the work thus far completed reflects much credit on Mr. Randel as an artist and correct delineator and deserves the commendation of the Board. The Committee have also read the Contract entered into by Mr. Randel, stipulating that the monies to be paid by the Corporation [195] shall be advanced from time to time as the work is completed and delivered in whole or in part. The amount applied for, therefore, was due on the delivery of the 9 sheets to the Street Commissioner, and the Committee will recommend a Warrant accordingly.

" The Committee beg leave to state farther that they have had a conference with Mr. Randel on the subject of an extension of time and other matters connected with the due execution of the contemplated Map. The Sheets finished and deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office are made from actual surveys taken in the field by Mr. Randel, and the fences designating the bounds of real estate are laid down by measuring from each bend or angle to a transit line run in its vicinity for that purpose.

By this method of measuring the division line of each man's property will be correctly designated as in actual possession, when by the ordinary mode with chain & Compass the lines will vary in proportion to the distance and variation of the needle owing to the attractive quality of the substances contained in the Rocks & other bodies within its range. [196] The additional labor bestowed by Mr. Randel on the work already completed & delivered he considers as gratuitous on his part, intending it as a specimen of correct delineation, his contract only binding him to complete the work in the usual manner, and he therefore intends, unless a small compensation is allowed him, to complete the remaining sheets from Surveys in his possesion made with a chain and Compass, except that part which falls in the avenues which he considers himself bound to delineate correctly.

" Your Committee are fully aware of the necessity which exists, under present circumstances, to use every economy in the expenditure of the public money; but as this is a work of considerable magnitude and importance, one which is to become a public record for posterity and which will not only be an ornamental document but of great public utility in correctly designating the present face of the country and the exact bounds & landmarks of public & private property, they cannot help expressing their hope that the [197] Board will not, after appropriating so large a sum to this object, refuse the additional amount required to make the Map a finished and complete production.

" The length of the Boundary fences, including public roads which it will be proper to transit, is computed at 155 miles, which, at 5 dollars per mile, will amount to 775 dollars, the sum for which Mr. Randel is willing to run the lines as above stated and which the Committee conceive to be a moderate compensation for the labor he will have to bestow on the subject.

" The Committee beg leave to state further that should the Board agree to authorise Mr. Randel to proceed with the Maps on the plan suggested it will be necessary to grant him an extension of time to the 1st of May 1820. In the meantime he will proceed with the work as expeditiously as possible and deliver the sheets, as they are finished, to the Street Commissioner. That the Board may have the matters contained in the foregoing Report fairly before them, the Committee offer the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be [198] instructed to report a Warrant in favor of John Randel Jr. for 300 dollars, being in part for Mapping &c. as per his Contract dated February 1818.

" Resolved that John Randel Jr. be allowed 5 dollars, in addition to his present contract, for each mile of fence designating the boundary of real estate and for each mile of public road, which he shall lay down by measuring from every bend or angle in the same to a transit line run in its vicinity for that purpose—provided that the whole amount to be paid for the above services shall not exceed the sum of 775 dollars.

" Resolved that the time allowed Mr. Randel by his Contract for completing certain Maps of Manhattan Island be extended to the 1st day of May 1820—provided that on or before the 1st day of June next he commence his operations at the line designated on the Commissioner's Map extending along North Street and Greenwich Lane.

" Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an additional Con- [199] tract with Mr. Randel embracing the provisions contained in the 2d and 3d Resolutions herewith presented."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to. It was also ordered that a Warrant issue for $300 as reported by the Committee.

The Alms' House Committee, on the petition of Dunbar Sloan, reported:

" It appears the petitioner is not bound to stay there (in the Alms house) any longer than he wishes & the Commissioners of the Alms' House would at any time furnish him with means to go away if he was capable of taking care of himself. For these reasons your Committee offer the following:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss.

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[200] The Road Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel on the subject of Avenue 'D' presented a report—which was approved and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of the Assessment thereon. The Committee's report was:

" That the opening of Avenue 'D' and the collection of the Assessment made therefor ought to be carried into effect and therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Avenue 'D' be opened immediately and that Morris De Camp be appointed the Collector of the Assessment made therefor."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Effing^{m} Schieffelin
" David Board.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel respecting Grand, Carmine & Harman Streets, reported:

"That as it respects Grand Street, Carmine Street and Sixth Avenue the opening thereof ought to be postponed until the 1st day of May next and accordingly beg [201] leave to offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the widening and improving of Grand Street, Carmine Street and the opening of the 6th Avenue be postponed until the 1st day of May next and that Noah Jarvis be appointed to collect the Assessment made therefor—And that upon the said first day of May the said improvement shall be carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly

Which was approved and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the Assessment therein.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the owners & lessees of property on and in the vicinity of Harman Street, presented a Report which was read. A Letter from Colonel Henry Rutgers addressed to the Chairman of the said subject was presented & read. Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare the necessary obligations agreeably to the proposal from Colonel Rutgers. A motion was made to postpone the [202] consideration which was agreed to—but was afterwards reconsidered and thereupon the report of the Committee, the Letter of Colonel Rutgers and the Resolution were referred to the Street Committee with a request to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The same Committee, on the petition of Edward & William Hitchcock Contractors of Street Manure for remission of certain fines, presented a report, which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the Committee on the petition of certain Hatters and Dyers be called up. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. It was afterwards moved that the Board reconsider the vote—which was agreed to. It was then moved that the said report be now considered. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The report was then read and was in the words following:

" They have examined and find [203] that section prevents them from throwing any filthy or discoloured water into any one of the Streets in the City within 200 feet of any one of the Public Pumps and on the side of the Street on which said Pump is situated shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of Twenty five dollars. They farther state that they have taken the subject under consideration and are of opinion that a repeal of that section would be beneficial to that class of our citizens. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the last section of a law passed September 14th 1818 respecting the public pumps and to prevent the drying of cloth in the streets be and is hereby repealed."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

Upon the question for agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative and the last section of the law therein mentioned was repealed.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to.

" Resolved that the Street Committee [204] and the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward, to whom were referred certain petitions & remonstrances on the subject of opening Beekman Street also consider the propriety of applying to the Legislature for a Law to alter and amend the present law for taking the ground for the New Market."

Mr. Board presented a Resolution to appoint Joseph Tremain a Weighmaster of the City which was laid for consideration.

He also presented the following:

" Resolved that the Resolution passed by this board limiting the appointing any more Weighmasters until the number be reduced to fifteen be and the same is hereby repealed."

The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th inst	5312.58	
Recd for Tax of 1818 6th Ward	1000.	
" " Mayoralty fees	74.50	
[205]" " Commutation Alien passengers	444.	
" " Common Lands	1595.45	
" " Streets	1642.76	
" " 125th Street	33.43	10,102.72

Accounts Audited.

Richard Furman—Supt Alms' house & Officers 1 qr.'s Salary 1st instant	625.	
Garrit N. Bleecker—Comptroller—1 qr. Salary 15th instant.	500.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs 1 quarter 14th instant	300.	
George Bowen—Carriage Hire to Bellevue 2d instant	27.	
John J. Astor—rent of Lot in Spring Street 9 months 1st inst.	22.50	
John Baker prosecutor vs. George Hughes for Grand Larceny Ordered by Court of Sessions 13th inst	25.	
Charles Mooney—on account filling Collect Street	1000.	
P. Debaum on account—regulating Greeenwich Street from Christopher to near Bank St	200.	
[206] Benjamin Hills on Account filling Dey Street Basin	2000.	
John McComb—Street Commissioner for earth at Block Charlton Street	400.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Reprs. Corporation half expence repairing the pier at west side of Burling Slip	170.	
Jacob Smith Jr. New Engine No. 42. and Repairs	817. 6	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' house	4000.	10,086.56
	Balance	$16.16

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 11 o'clock.

[207] Special Meeting

In Common Council Feb. 19. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Stephen Allen

His Honor the Mayor stated that having received information that Major General Jackson would arrive in this City on Saturday and as he understood it was the wish of the Common Council to render to him certain marks of distinction on his visit to this place, he had on the advice of some of the members called this Special Meeting to take said subject into consideration.

[208] Whereupon the Recorder presented certain Resolutions which after some discussion were agreed to in the words following:—

" Whereas the Common Council of the City of New York entertain a deep and grateful sense of the public services of Major General Andrew Jackson, as a testimony of which and wishing to transmit to posterity the respect they bear for his military atchievements the splendour of which have been surpassed only by the great and lasting benefits they have secured to the United States:

Therefore the Common Council, acting in behalf of the Citizens of New York, do Resolve:

" Firstly—That the freedom of the City in a gold box with a suitable inscription be presented to Major General Andrew Jackson at a Common Council to be specially convened for that purpose, and that an appropriate address be made to him by his Honor the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation

" Secondly That he be respectfully requested to permit a full length portrait [209] painting of him to be taken under the direction of the Corporation to be placed in the Gallery of Paintings in the City Hall.

" Thirdly—That Mr. Recorder, Alderman Munson, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Allen and Mr. Bolton be a Committee to wait upon General Jackson upon his Arrival in this City and communicate to him in behalf of the Corporation the high satisfaction it will afford them to receive him in their Council Chamber and the manner in which they are desirous of giving a public demonstration of the very distinguished interest they take in his character and his fame.

" Resolved that the Committee appointed to receive General Jackson in behalf of this Board be instructed to offer to him and his Suite a conveyance up the Hudson River to Westpoint and back to this City in a Steam Boat under the direction of the Corporation.

" Resolved that the Committee invite General Jackson and suite to be with the Corporation on Monday, when his Honor the Mayor presents the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

" Resolved that the said Committee be directed to carry into effect the preceding Resolutions.

[210] His Honor the Mayor was requested to procure the Gold Box mentioned in the Resolution and the following were appointed the Committee to carry the other Resolutions into effect—viz—Mr. Recorder Alderman Munson Messrs. Stevens Allen Bolton

On motion of Alderman Mesier it was resolved that the words 'and Battery' in the Memorial agreed at the last meeting to be presented to the Legislature be stricken therefrom, and the Memorial so amended was directed to be transmitted to the Legislature forthwith.

The Board Adjourned.

[211] In Common Council February 22. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anthony L. Underhill
John Morss
Robert M^{c}Queen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Effing^{m} Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Mr. Recorder, from the Committee of Arrangements, reported that agreeably to the directions of the Common Council, they had waited upon Major General Jackson and had presented to him the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Board, that they had received a reply from General Jackson, which [212] he read to the Board and which was as follows:

R. Riker Esqr.
Chairman of the Committee

Sir:

" The Resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York with which you have this day presented me have been read with that satisfaction which the generosity and hospitality of your honorable body is calculated to inspire.

" It affords me singular gratification to be enabled to comply with the several requests contained in your Communication, and I accept with pleasure your polite invitation to witness the ceremony of presenting the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

" Having but a few days to remain in this section of Country I am compelled to deny myself the pleasure I had anticipated in visiting West Point and therefore decline the acceptance of the transportation which has been so liberally offered for my conveyance to that place.

" For the honor conferred on me [213] by your distinguished body permit me to present through you to the Common Council of the City of New York the assurance of my high respect and gratitude."

I am Sir
Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Andrew Jackson.

Whereupon it was Ordered that the same be entered on the Minutes at length and filed.

It was also resolved that the Board will assemble tomorrow at One o'clock in the Sessions Room for the purpose of conferring upon Major General Andrew Jackson the freedom of the City agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee of Finance, on the representation of Messrs. Weed informed verbally that the Notes alluded to in Messrs. Weed's Communication at the last meeting of the Board had been found and were paid.

[214] A petition of Abraham Sears for appointment as Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Peter Kennison was received stating that he is Lessee of Lot No. 153 Chatham Street: that a part of said lot is taken for opening Harman Street: that the Commissioners of Estimate in assessing the loss sustained by the improvement deducted therefrom the value of the buildings thereon: that unless he is permitted to remove the same they will be of no value to him and praying to be permitted to remove the Buildings to another lot, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Magdalena Russell, praying on account of her indigent circumstances that she may be exempted from paying an Assessment laid on No. 56 James Street for repairing the Drain in said Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[215] The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward, on the petition of John Armstrong and Remonstrance of Stephen Huestis, Reported:

" That said Huestis is now a Weigher of Hay and lately performed the duties at the Scales now occupied by said Armstrong, who is desirous of receiving the appointment of Weigher. Huestis is building a Scale, and the one he left is in the occupation of said Armstrong. If he does not receive the appointment the building will be entirely useless and as it is the wish of a considerable number of the Inhabitants of Harlaem that the appointment should be granted your Committee recommend that John Armstrong receive the appointment of Public Weigher of Hay and offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that John Armstrong be appointed Weigher of Hay."

(signed) George B. Thorp
" Effing^{m} Schieffelin

Which was approved and he was appointed a Weigher of Hay.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Robert H. Bowne, presented the following Report which was approved & the Resolutions adopted [216] That in pursuance of the instructions given them they have attempted to treat with said Bowne and accordingly addressed him by note, offering to report in favor of a Settlement of his quit rent upon the same principle and terms complied with by Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew in a similar case, at the same time enclosing a statement shewing the amount paid by those gentlemen and also what amount was due the Corporation from said Bowne. In answer your Committee have received a note from Mr. Bowne denying that the case of Mitchill and Agnews was similar to that of his, and averring that had a grant been given for the property at the period when the occupation of the water took place, the rent would not have been half the price now asked, and in conclusion offering to pay 500 dollars instead of 1071 dollars the sum demanded by the Committee or to refer the subject to the decision of referees.

" Your Committee are opposed to the reference of a subject which appears to them so plain, particularly as they [217] have evinced no disposition to take advantage of circumstances or to require of Mr. Bowne any thing but what they believe to be perfectly reasonable and just; and they therefore adopted as a basis for the settlement of the quit rent due the Corporation the terms complied with by Messrs. Mitchill and Agnew: and although Mr. Bowne has denied the similarity of the cases they are unable to conceive how cases more similar could be selected, for the property is adjacent to each other, there being but one lot, that of Sylvanus Miller, and the Street between the property of Mitchill and Agnew and Robert H. Bowne.

" Mitchill and Agnew, by permission of the Corporation, built in the year 1804 a Dock in front of their property and enjoyed all the emoluments of a grant by the use of the water. Samuel Franklin, by permission of the Corporation, built in the year 1803 a dock in front of his property and enjoyed the same privilege. Mitchill and Agnew paid the amount of quit rent due from the time of building their Dock up to the 1st of May 1818 at the rate of one dollar per foot with interest, and the same [218] terms are offered to Robert

H. Bowne by your Committee. The only difference in the cases is that Samuel Franklin built his Dock one year previous to Mitchill and Agnew and that it lies a few hundred feet farther east, and, as the Committee believe, has been much more productive to the owners, in some measure owing to their having the use of part of the water crossing the foot of Roosevelt Street in addition to that in front of their property. Neither do the Committee agree with Mr. Bowne that the quit rent would have been 50 per cent less had a grant been given at the period of the building of the dock, as from the books in the office of the Comptroller it appears that a grant was given George Codwise in July 1803 for property between Burling & Beekman Slips, for which he pays rising one dollar & 20 cents per foot, and in 1804 Thomas Bulkley and David Lydig obtained grants for their property extending up as high as Dover Street and about 65½ feet on South Street, for which they pay 70 dollars per annum, more than One dollar per foot.

[219] These are the latest grants in that section of the City, except those taken out during the last year, and were no doubt the data on which Mitchell & Agnew's rent was founded, and in the opinion of your Committee ought not to be departed from in a settlement with Mr. Bowne. They therefore propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to settle with Robert H. Bowne for the arrears of quit rent due the Corporation on his property at the foot of Roosevelt Street on the same principle and terms as those complied with by Dr. Mitchell and John Agnew."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

Alderman King then presented the following:

" Resolved that the Committee on Finance, in the event of the present proprietor of the said Wharf disagreeing to the preceding Resolution, be authorised to refer the subject matter thereof to the decision of such persons as they may deem fit."

The question being taken thereon and the [220] Ayes and Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative, all the members present voting in the negative excepting Alderman King and Mr. Anthony who voted in the Affirmative.

The same Committee, on the petition of Messrs. Hunter, Vail and Morrill on the subject of Grand Street Ferry, presented a Report which was laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the petition of Helen Taylor, Reported:

" That in 1813 the report of a Committee was adopted recommending a yearly donation to Helen Taylor in consequence of the death of her husband while assisting in extinguishing the fire on some of the buildings of this City: That the said Helen was presented with a donation of 60 dollars in addition to the yearly allowance and has ever since received the said allowance in advance, the total amount of which (it being 6 years since the Report was adopted) is 420 dollars. The Committee have no wish to call in question the pro- [221] priety of the measures of their predecessors, but as the allowance was only to continue during the pleasure of the Corporation and one of the principal reasons urged in favor of the aforesaid yearly donation is removed by the arrival of the children of the said Helen to an Age which fits them for earning their own sustenance, the Committee are of opinion that the yearly allowance to the said Helen ought to be discontinued: They nevertheless are disposed under the circumstances of the case to recommend a compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Taylor to be put in possession of the sum of 120 dollars for the purposes stated in her petition, but that henceforth her claim to the yearly allowance of 60 dollars ought to cease. They therefore recommend the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to report a warrant in favor of Helen Taylor for One hundred and twenty dollars.

" Resolved that the yearly donation of Sixty dollars to Helen Taylor heretofore allowed by the Corporation be and the same is hereby discontinued."

(signed) S. Allen: R. Munson: P. Mesier

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

[222] The same Committee, on the petition of certain Inhabitants of the First Ward respecting a reduction of the rate of Slippage, presented a Report. It was moved to postpone the consideration of the same. The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Nays being called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Anthony Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Morss M^c^Queen Buckmaster Messrs. Stevens Kip Westervelt Parker

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution proposed by the Committee and was carried in the Affirmative.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller & Counsel, on the petition of Garrit H. Van Wagenen and Robert Carnley, Reported:—"That [223] they have duly examined the subject referred to them and are of opinion that the facts stated in the petition are true and that the petition ought to be granted."

(signed) Ogden Edwards Counsel
" G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

which report was agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following:

"Joseph Newton has purchased and paid for Lot No. 16 of the lots near the Washington Market and a Deed for the same has been reported to the Common Council and executed. Mr. Newton states that the lot was purchased to be held in trust for his Wife and is desirous that the deed which has been executed should be cancelled and that another deed should be made to Susannah M^{c}Kean in trust for Catharine Newton.

The Counsel has prepared the draught of a deed for this purpose which is herewith submitted."

(signed) Ogden Edwards—Counsel

which was approved, the deed to Joseph Newton directed to be cancelled and the Deed to Susannah M^{c}Lean as Trustee for Catharine Newton directed to be duly executed.

[224] Mr. Akerly presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to.: Viz

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner in contracting for the delivery of Stone at the Battery for the contemplated improvement be directed to make the said contracts conditional (that is to say) provided the Legislature pass the law petitioned for and vest in the Corporation the land under water necessary for the said improvement."

A Resolution was presented to appoint Joseph Tremaine a Weighmaster. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative & he was appointed accordingly.

Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing a Committee to enquire & report whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the law of this State in relation to the Act for the recovery of debts to the amount of Fifty dollars and under, so far as the same relates to the City of New York—Which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[225] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 15th inst	16.16	
Received for Rents	6009.07	
" Tax of 1818—1st, 2d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th Wards	13,500.	
" Common Lands	3304.72	
" Streets	3231.51	
" Wells & Pumps	179.87	26,241.33

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st Distt	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.	
Jonathan Pinkney City Intendant 1 qrs Salary 19th instant.	250.	
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer 1 qr. Salary 18th instant	200.	
Wm S. Smith—Collector City Revenue 1 qr. 22d instant	200.	
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread 1 qr. 17th inst	100.	
B. Skaats—Keeper of City Hall 1 qr. 24th inst	100.	
B. Skaats expences for Corporation 1 qr. 24th inst	262.02	
[226] George B. Thorp—Cash paid for refreshments for Committee at Greenwich	27.87	
Geo. Buckmaster—cash paid on board Steamboat escorting President U. States to West Point & Carriage hire	17.36	
Wm Young—a poor Witness vs. J. Delarge—ordered by Court 13th instant	5.	
R. Munson for 3 Casks of Oil bought of T. Lovell	340.84	
Charles Mooney on account—regulating Collect Street	1000.	
James Meghan—on account, paving Vestry Street	300.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs to pay Workmen in Public Shops	375.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Lamp Department	275.	
R. Furman—Superintt of Alms house for support of Maniacs in N. York Hospital. Nett balance of account to 31st December 1818	5737.13	11,777.47
	Balance	$14,463.86

Board adjourned to meet tomorrow One o'clock.

[227] In Common Council February 23. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anth. L. Underhill
Wm F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
Stephen Allen

The Board assembled in the Sessions' Court Room, agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday. The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

Upon motion, the Resolution of the Board agreed to at the Special Meeting on the 19th inst. & the reply of General Jackson thereto, which was reported on the 22d, were severally read.

[228] Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Arrangements, informed the Common Council that they had waited upon General Jackson and accompanied him to the Hall and that he was now in waiting in the Common Council Chamber.

The Committee were then requested to wait upon the General, inform him that the Common Council were assembled prepared to receive him and introduce him to the Board.

The Committee accordingly retired and in a few minutes General Jackson entered. Upon his entrance the Common Council rose to receive him. After being seated a few moments two of the Committee led him to the centre of the space occupied by the Common Council and presented him to the Mayor, upon which his Honor the Mayor addressed him as follows:

'Address of the Mayor.'

Major General Jackson.

"No task could be more gratifying to me than that which I am now to perform. [229] I am to congratulate you, in behalf of the Common Council and of our fellow Citizens, on your arrival among us.

"We are happy to avail ourselves of the first opportunity of testifying by every mark of respect the feelings your high military services have inspired.

" While the whole country was agitated by the threatened invasion of a powerful foe, we could not but learn with anxiety that he had directed a large armament to a point where it was known he could only be met by an inferior force, chiefly composed of our undisclipined and inexperienced countrymen. We knew that Britain, at the end of a contest which had convulsed Europe for Twenty years, had destined her veteran and victorious troops to make war upon us: but the sons of our soil, animated by your spirit and conducted by your wisdom, drove the invaders from our shores and achieved a victory, which, while it raised the character of our country to an elevation that attracted the admiration of the rest of the world, left to every American a debt of gratitude to you, and to our brave brethren who fought with you, which can never [230] be cancelled.

" With these sentiments allow me to present to you this certificate of your being admitted a freeman of this City, and to thank you for your compliance with the Resolution of the Common Council requesting your portrait.

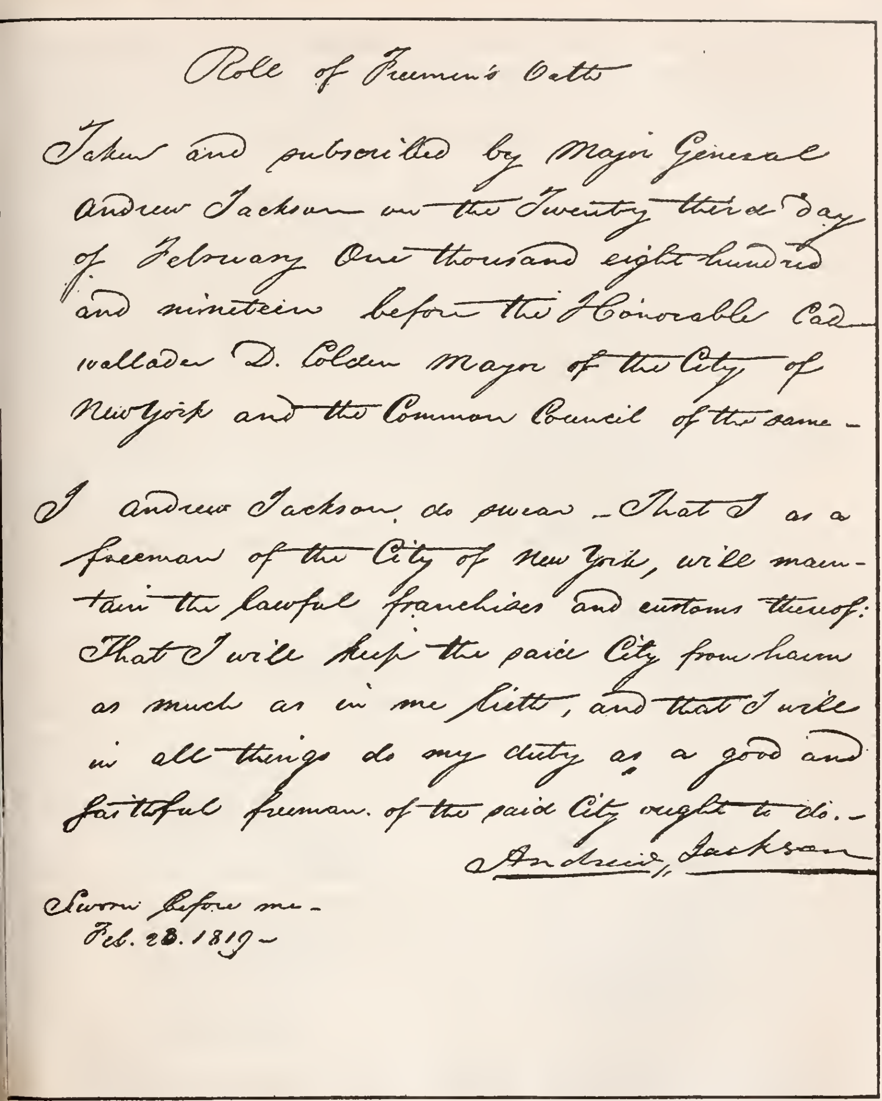
" Permit me also to assure you that we shall feel great pride in being able to claim you as our fellow citizen, and in placing the portrait of one who has deserved so well of his country in our Gallery occupied by the resemblances of many who have similar, tho' no one superior, claims to our grateful acknowledgment."

To which General Jackson made the following reply:

Sir

The distinguished honor which the Common Council of the City of New York has conferred by my admission as a freeman of their City is to me a source of the highest gratification and will ever be recollected with feelings of the warmest sensibility. To be associated with those who have been [231] distinguished for their patriotism and zealous attachment to the republican principles of our government is the most exalted station of an American citizen. The approbation you have been pleased to express of my humble efforts in the field command my greatest acknowledgments. For those sentiments am I indebted to the bravery of the troops I had the honor to command.

" What I have done was for my country. Had I erred in the discharge of my official duty, that error would have originated in the warmth of my devotion to her interest and a misapplication of the means best calculated to promote her happiness and prosperity: but to find that my conduct has been sanctioned by my government and



Roll of Freemen's Oaths

Taken and subscribed by Major General Andrew Jackson on the Twenty third day of February One thousand eight hundred and nineteen before the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor of the City of New York and the Common Council of the same –

I Andrew Jackson do swear – That I as a freeman of the City of New York, will maintain the lawful franchises and customs thereof: That I will keep the said City from harm as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all things do my duty as a good and faithful freeman of the said City ought to do. –

Andrew Jackson

Sworn before me –
Feb. 23. 1819 –

This remarkable document, previously unpublished, was discovered by the editor among the loose papers in the custody of the city clerk. The common council saw fit o honor General Jackson for his military achievements with the freedom of the City. After the Freeman's Oath had been administered by Mayor Colden, the General appended his signature to this document and it was placed on file (see vol. X, pp. 263-5). For other references to the same incident see vol. X, pp. 254-5, 256-7, 265-6, 286, 340, 366; XI, 291, 314-5, 647; XII, 170.

approved by my fellow citizens is a source of happiness unequalled in the occurrences of my life, for the proudest honor which can grace the soldier and the richest reward which he can receive for the fatigues, perils & privations of his profession is the approbation of a grateful country."

The general was then handed by two of the Committee and seated on the right of the Mayor. His Honor then administered to him the Oath [232] of a Freeman as prescribed by Law and delivered to him the Certificate of his being a freeman. His Honor the Mayor then arose and announced General Jackson to have been admitted a freeman of the City of New York agreeably to the Charter and Laws of the same.

The General was then introduced by the Committee of Arrangements to the several members of the Common Council, after which he retired accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock

[233] In Common Council March 1. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anthony L. Underhill
W^{m} F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robert M^{c}Queen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Stephen Allen

The Minutes of the Two last meetings were read & approved.

A Commission to the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden under the Great Seal of the State, bearing date the 9th of February 1819, appointing him Mayor of the City of New York for one year, was read and his Honor, having previously taken the Oath prescribed by Law was declared in due form as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

[234] The following Letter from Major General Jackson to his Honor the Mayor was read and directed to be published:

The Hon. C. D. Colden
Mayor of the City
of New York.

Philadelphia
Feb^{y} 25. 1819.

Sir

"I avail myself of the present opportunity to express the gratitude I feel for the polite attention and hospitality with which I was received by you and the Citizens of New York: for which, Sir, permit me to present through you to the Corporation of your City my sincere acknowledgments and to offer you the assurance of my personal friendship and regard and the deep interest I shall ever feel in the happiness and prosperity of yourself and Associates."

I am, Sir, With every sentiment of respect and sincerity of regard your Ob^{t} ser^{vt}

(signed) Andrew Jackson.

[235] A petition of John Bedient for appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures: one of Isaac Stoutenburgh for appointment of Measurer of grain, and one of Joseph P. Simpson for appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of the Administrators of the French Benevolent Society for pecuniary aid in behalf of said Institution was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Memorial of James Jersey complaining of the conduct of Jacob Ackerman, Inspector of Fire wood, for inspecting a load of Fire wood short of legal measure, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Joshua Jones and Elias Burger praying that piers may be run out at Vesey Street and Barclay Street and that West Street be completed as far as Murray Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants in- [236] terested in lands required for opening Grand Street from the Bowery to Broadway, praying that the collection of the assessment for opening of said Street and the opening of said Street may be delayed One year, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of George Messervie, Butcher, praying remission of fine for selling with light weights, was read and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A petition of Jane Mullen for Huckster's Stand in Catharine Market: one of Nathaniel Moore for Stall No. 1 Gouverneur Market and of Henry Hammond for Stall No. 41 Catharine Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of George Platt for appointment of Superintendant of Mud Machine was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from Hicks & Titus for re- [237] mission of fine incurred respecting a Nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A petition that M^c^Dougal & Sullivan Streets from Bleecker to Amity Street be filled up and regulated, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication was received from a Committee of the Fire Wardens of the City, submitting to the Corporation certain amendments to the Fire Law which they considered as important to be made, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Complaint was received from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the riotous conduct of persons assembling in Grand Street Market house and was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the mode of paving Collect Street was read and the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[238] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

" Fire Engine Company No. 5."

James D. Bisset Jr. Account^{t} 16 Dutch St. 2^{d} Ward vice James Oliver Removed

John A. Hicks Accountant 219 Pearl St. 2^{d} Ward vice H. V. Costar, Resigned

" Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Neil Gray Merchant 50 John St. 2^{d} Ward vice Peter Winants Resigned

William Crane Carpenter 9 Front St. 1st Ward vice Phineas B. Carman Resigned

" Fire Engine Company No. 20."

William Knox. Accountant 3 Carlisle St. 1 Ward vice Silvanus Osborn Removed

Leonard W. Archer Turner 90 Greenwich St. 1 ward vice Henry Rankin made Fire Warden

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in Essex Street near Broome Street, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which [239] were passed: viz

1	Jas. C. Roosevelt	Own.	91 James Street	a privy
	W^{m} Dougherty	Occ.		
2	J. N. Granzeback	Own	3 Chatham Street	do
	B. M^{c}Gallaher	Occ.		
3	James Tabele	Agt. to	132 do	do
	Estate of Tabele	dec^{d}		
	Oliver Ford	Occ.		
4	Jas. C. Roosevelt	Own.	17 Batavia Street	do
	Mary Weeks	Occ.		
5	Jas. C. Roosevelt	Own.	21 do	do
	P. Schuyler	Occ.		
6	N. G. Ingraham	Agt.	Cliff Street	a Lot
7	Noah Scovil	Own.	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Comptroller presented the following:

"The purchaser of the Lease of the House and Lot No. 265 William Street near Pearl Street on the 11th ultimo, has relinquished the same for want of security.

"It is respectfully recommended that the Committee of Finance be authorised to let or lease the house and lot aforesaid in such manner as they shall judge most conducive [240] to the public interest."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen & agreed to:

"Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorized to sell or lease the house and Lot No. 265 William Street in such manner and on such terms as they shall deem best calculated to promote the public interest."

The Comptroller also Reported:

"That agreeably to the 4th Section of "an Act to amend an Act entitled 'an act relative to the Court of probates, the Office of Surrogate and the granting of administrations" passed April 11, 1815 the public Administrator 'shall once in every year, at such time as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty may appoint for that purpose, exhibit to them in Common Council convened a statement of his receipts and expenditures by virtue of such administrations respectively &c."

"Agreeably to the Act, the Common Council are to appoint the time when the [241] public Administrator is to exhibit a statement of his receipts and expenditures. J. Nitchie was appointed on the 22d May 1815 to this office and gave a Bond with surety in the penal sum of $10,000. conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his Office agreeably to an order of the Board passed May 22d 1815.

"J. Hammond was appointed in his place June 10. 1816, but it does not appear that he has given a Bond according to the 1st Section of the Act aforesaid. In June and July 1818 Mr. Nitchie paid into the Treasury the sum of $1287.39. There has been no payment made by Mr. Hammond since his appointment nor have any accounts been exhibited by either gentleman.

"The statement is respectfully submitted to the notice & further order of the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

which was directed to be filed. Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen and agreed to:

"Resolved that the former & present public Administrator be requested to exhibit to the Common Council on Monday the 8th [242] instant a statement of receipts & expenditures of all monies which have come into their hands respectively as Public Administrator, with a statement of such accounts and balances as are not adjusted or finally settled, together with whatever explanations relative to the business appertaining to the Office they may judge proper: and that it be the duty of the public Administrator for the time being to exhibit to the Common Council a like statement on the first Monday in January in every year; and that the Clerk furnish to the former and present public Administrator each a copy of the above."

The following Resolution was also presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the public Administrator enter into bond in the penal sum of Ten thousand Dollars (with such surety as shall be approved of by the Committee of Finance) conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his Office, and that the Clerk of this Board furnish to him a copy of this Resolution."

[243] The Comptroller also presented a release of Quit rent on a

Water Lot in the First Ward granted to Cornelius Van Horne on the 26th July 1734. "The Indenture is to Francis Saltus and Nicholas Saltus: was commuted on the 28th November 1812 and is approved by the Counsel of the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be executed.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Law establishing the rates of Wharfage at the public Slips and Basins—which was passed.

He also presented for execution draughts of the following Deeds and Leases—Viz

"A deed for a Lot of ground near the Washington Market to William Howard

"A deed for Two Lots of ground at the Albany Basin to J. T. Leonard.

"A lease of the Hay Scales at the foot of Duane Street to Abraham Hart.

'A lease of the Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip to Isaac Valentine.

[244] "A Lease of the School Room in the Engine House in Rose Street to Frederick Fowler and of the School room in Spring Street to John Hanning.

"A Lease of the Ferry at Horne's Hook and the houses on both sides to Abel Sammis.

"Also a Memorandum of an additional agreement with John Randell Junior."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

Which were directed to be duly executed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the makers & venders of Weights, Beams and Measures complaining of the conduct of Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights and Measures for the County, presented a Report, which was read. A Memorial from Oliver Vanderbilt in justification of his conduct was also presented and read. The Report of the Committee was as follows:

"That they have carefully examined the subject of complaint which admits of four separate and specific charges against the Sealer—Viz.—

"1. [245] For over charging

"2d For refusing to seal

"3d For sending for Weights and Measures and taking them to his own house contrary to law.

" 4. For taking small sums of money in lieu of the penalty.

" On the First charge the Committee are unable to judge correctly, as the present law allows the Sealer a reasonable compensation for his services for adjusting over the specific rates for sealing.

" On the Second Charge (for refusing to seal) it has been proved to the Committee under oath.

" On the Third charge it appears to have been the practice of the Sealer to send for the Weights and measures before he had examined them and thereby in many cases run the Citizens to an unnecessary and useless expence.

"The Fourth Charge, for compounding for small sums of money has been not only fully proved by a number of respectable witnesses but also admitted by the Sealer.

" The Committee are therefore of opinion that Oliver Vanderbilt has exercised the duties [246] of his Office in a vexatious and improper manner, and beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved that Oliver Vanderbilt be, and he is hereby removed from the office of County Sealer."

" Resolved that it shall not be lawful for the Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed by this Board to vend any weights or measures in this City during the time he shall hold the office of Sealer nor be concerned directly or indirectly in vending those articles.

" Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Sealer to inspect and examine the Weights, Beams and Measures in use once in every year at the stores or residence of the owners and for such examination he shall be entitled to ask and receive for every fifty six twenty eight or fourteen pound weight two cents, and for every weight of a smaller denomination than fourteen pounds One cent; for every liquid measure One cent; for every dry measure two cents, for every scale, beam or balance three cents and for every yard measure three cents—provided [247] the same shall be found correct, and all such as shall be found not conformable to the Standard shall be sent to the Store of the said Sealer at the expence of the owner in three days after being so notified in writing by the Sealer under the penalty of 20 dollars, and for which he shall be allowed the sum prescribed by the present Law with a reasonable compensation for such alterations as he may make—provided always the additional compensation shall not exceed more than the price of sealing, or unless a special Contract shall be made by the parties agreeing to such further charges for extra services.

" Resolved that it may be lawful for the Sealer to examine the Weights, Beams and measures used in this City, as much oftener in the year as he may think proper, but without a charge for the same if correct except once in every year.

" Resolved that the Ordinance in relation to Weights and measures be so altered and amended that the same may be conformable to the above resolutions, and that the Counsel be instructed to report an ordinance accordingly at the next meeting of the Board."

[248] (signed) Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Geo. Buckmaster
" David Board
" John Morss
" Elisha W. King

The question being taken on each Resolution separately they were severally carried in the Affirmative.

It was then resolved that the Committee on Applications be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board on the subject of appointing a person to fill the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the City.

The Finance Committee, to whom had been referred a Communication from the Police Magistrates, presented a Report, which having been amended was as follows:

" They have good reason to believe from the information furnished by the Police Magistrates that their fee emoluments are materially reduced, owing [249] in part to much of their former business being directed to other channels, and breaches of the peace, together with other crimes diminishing to a degree before unknown.

" Your Committee consider the police of this great and populous City as a very important feature in its government and the duties required of its Magistrates are arduous and demand their unremitted and persevering exertions. It is a matter of public notoriety that for some time past crimes have decreased in this City, and your Committee have no hesitation in saying that, in their opinion, this state of things is in a great measure brought about by the prompt and energetic manner in which the business of the Police is executed in conjunction with the measures adopted by the Chief Magistrate of this City, and that this faithful administration of duty necessarily diminishes the amount of income to the Justices.

" The present Salary of the Police Justices is 750 dollars per annum, and your Committee have deemed it their duty to recommend an addition of 250 dollars to each of them and offer the following resolution [250] accordingly:

"Resolved that the Salary of the Police Justices be increased to One thousand dollars per annum, to commence on the 26th day of February last."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

The question being taken on agreeing to the Report and Resolutions of the Committee, the same was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the Resolution requesting them to enquire and report whether any and what amendments are necessary to the Law relative to the recovery of debts to the value of Fifty dollars and under, reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the present organization of the Assistant Justices' Courts in this City are productive of numerous abuses, and that in some cases, suits are permitted without [251] reasonable cause, litigation encouraged and justice imperfectly administered. The Committee have not sought for a particular detail of facts on this subject, but are persuaded from the opinion of those they have consulted, together with their own observation, that the present system is injurious to the property, morals and convenience of our Citizens and requires a radical change. The Committee believe that the evils complained of are in a great measure produced by the circumstance of the Justices depending on the costs of suit for their emolument instead of a regular & stated Salary, and there being more Courts than are necessary for the due administration of justice and less business than will afford a competency to the judges, a rivalry is created for sinister purposes destructive to an independent and impartial discharge of duty. The Committee therefore recommend the following outlines of a law, to be presented to the Legislature for their concurrence, which in their opinion will at least remove some of the most prominent objections to the present system

"That the Nine lower wards be divided into Four Judicial Districts, in each [252] of which a Court shall be held for the trial of causes to the amount of 50 dollars and under.

"That the First, Second and Third Wards shall compose the First district: That the Fourth and Sixth Wards shall compose the Second district: That the Fifth and Eighth Wards shall compose the Third district; and That the Seventh and Tenth Wards shall compose the Fourth district.

" That there be Four persons appointed and commissioned by the Council of Appointment to hold such Courts and that one of such persons be from time to time assigned to each respective Court by the Common Council.

" That the Justices respectively, instead of receiving fees of Office to their own use, shall be compensated by a yearly salary to be paid out of the City Treasury, and that the fees allowed by law shall be granted to the Corporation and received according to their direction.

" That the Common Council shall appoint a suitable person as Clerk to each [253] of the said Courts, who shall give such sureties as may be required for the faithful performance of his trust, and shall collect and receive all costs of suit and make monthly returns of the same to the Comptroller verified on oath before the Mayor and pay the amount thereof to the Chamberlain of this City; and that each of said Clerks shall receive a salary to be regulated by the Common Council.

" That the salary to be allowed the Justices shall include the expence for stationary, fuel &c. but not of Office hire, which shall be located and provided at the expence of the Corporation.

" That the Ninth Ward shall remain, with respect to the Assistant Justices of that Ward, the same that it now is.

" Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a Memorial & Bill conformable to the foregoing sketch & report the same at the next meeting of the Board."

(signed) Steph. Allen: Jno. Morss
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster: E. W. King

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report a Memorial & Bill agreeably thereto.

[254] The Comptroller presented the proposals he had received for leasing of the public Docks and Slips—whereupon on motion the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

The proposals received by the Comptroller were read. A request from Benjamin Bailey that the proposal made by him might be withdrawn was granted. Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution directing the Finance Committee to divide the City into Two Districts for the purpose of leasing the public Slips, which was lost. Mr. Kip presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller advertise for Contracts for the Slips and Wharves for one year with a stipulation on the part of the Corporation that, unless the Contractors are put in possession of the Basin at the foot of Roosevelt Street by the first day of August next, a reasonable allowance shall be deducted from the Contract."

The Resolution being divided, the question was taken on the first part & agreed to.

The question being taken on the latter part, it was also carried in the the affirmative.

[255] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d Feby	14,463.86	
Recd for Tax of 1818—4th & 10th Wards	9500.	
" " Common Lands	4479.85	
" " Streets	800.	29,243.71

Accounts Audited.

George Cuming—City Inspector 1 qr's Salary 28th February	312.50
Ogden Edwards—Counsel to Board 1 qr's Salary 27th February	125.
Abraham Brevoort Inspectr. of Bread 1 quarter 21st February	100.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	48.
Obadiah Ayres—Asst. City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	48.
Samuel Hutching—Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant	48.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—1 month—1st Instant.	48.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 Mo. 1st inst	60.
Danl. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field 1 month 1st instant	42.
[256] Helen Taylor in full of her allowance ordered 22d February	120.
G. Snethen—Supg & lighting Lamps 1 month 1st instant	676.35
James Warner—Special Justice 1 qr's Salary 26th February	187.50
James Hopson—Special Justice 1 qr. Salary 26th February.	187.50
Charles Christian Special Justice 1 qr. Salary 26 February.	187.50
B. O'Blenis. Clerk Police Office 1 qr. Salary 26th February	250.
R. Stephens—Ast Clerk Police Office 1 qr. Salary 26th February	225.
Jacob Hays for Officers extra service in Police Office—1 qr. 26th February	223.25
James Meghan—balance paving Greenwich Street	452.80
James Pinkerton—balance paving Franklin Square	205.80
James Pinkerton balance repaving Mill Street	111.67
James Pinkerton balance repairing Frankfort Square	62.13
[257] Ogden Edwards—Court charges & Attorney's fees opening Avenue D	124.95

Petr. Hawes & Colleagues—Commissrs fees opening Avenue D	91.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs to pay repairing pier West side of James Slip	1065.15	
Richard Furman—Superintendt of Alms' house	5000.	
President, Directors & Co. Mechanics' Bank Bond June 24. 1818 $12,000. & Intere[s]t. 2 months to 1st inst. @ 6 per cent	12,120.	22,122.10
	Balance	$7121.61

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[258] In Common Council March 8, 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Presidt.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anthy. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
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John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effm Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Letter was received from John Nitchie Esqr. former public Administrator, stating that he had received a Copy of the Resolution of the last meeting of the Board directing him to report a Statement of the Intestate Estates which had come to his hands, but that in consequence of the number of accounts he had not been able to complete the statement required but expected he would be able [259] to do it by the next meeting of the Board—which was ordered to be filed.

A petition of Thomas Zabriskie (a colored man) praying to be relieved, on account of his age and property, from payment of an assessment laid on him for a pump and well in Third Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward.

A petition of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, complaining of the amount of rent demanded for the Wharf at Fulton Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Samuel Grundy for a Stall in Fly Market for the purpose of vending seeds—one of Charles Williams for a Stall in Spring

Street Market—one of Adam Hartell Jr. for Stall No. 41 Washington Market—of John Perrin, John Stamler and Christian Stamler praying remission of fine incurred for selling with light Weights—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

[260] A petition of William Mooney in behalf of his Son Runier V. Mooney, and a petition of R. V. Mooney for appointment of Sealer of Weights and measures: a petition of Robert Snethen for appointment of Keeper of Potters' field: a recommendation in behalf of John Brower for appointment of Sealer of Weights & Measures and a petition from John Brower for said Appointment: a petition of Abel H. Hardenbrook for said Appointment, and petitions of John P. Aymar & of William Craft for appointment of Measurer of grain —were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Joseph Constant, praying the removal of a Well and pump which has been sunk in the centre of the Side walk in White Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward to report.

A petition for a Well and pump in Delancey Street near Arundel Street and one for a Well and pump in Delancey Street [261] near Cannon Street, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor

A petition from the Executors of Jonathan Dixon was received, stating that the Corporation on the 1st May 1806 did lease to Leah Day a certain lot known as No. 16 in the Sixth Ward: that the said Leah Day did mortgage the same to the Testator Jonathan Dixon: that the Executors are desirous of transferring by assignment the said lease to Dennis McCarthy, and praying to be permitted so to transfer and assign the same, was read. Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller to permit the asssignment, on all arrearages of rent due on said lease being paid and satisfied.

A petition of Peter Hattrick to be permitted to construct a vault in front of his lot in Broadway, was granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition that Grand Street be paved between Arundel Street and the East River was read [262] and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Fleming to be permitted to remove House No. 268 Front Street seven feet westerly, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Elizabeth Morris was received, stating that she is

Owner of several lots of ground in Front Street between Dover and Roosevelt Streets: that it appears that the Tenement which was intended to be placed on the easternmost Lot stands a few feet on the adjoining lot: that she is desirous of removing the same but is informed she will thereby infringe the law for prevention of fire and praying permission therefor—which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	J. McCosker	Own.	186	William St.	a privy
	do	Occ.			
[263]	J. Mowatt	Own.	190	William Street	a privy
	P. Legrave	Occ.			
3	D. Harriett	Own.	191	do	do
	Charles Clark	Occ.			
4	M. Ashfield	Own.	196	do	do
	N. Anderson	Occ.			
5	Martin Habirshaw	Own.	197	do	do
	do	Occ.			
6	A. Durham	Own.	222	do	do
	D. Carr	Occ.			
7	Jno Mc*Guiston* [Gariston]	Les.	228	do	do
	do	Occ.			
8	Cathrn Hay	Own.	250	do	do
	do	Occ.			
9	Cathrn Hay	Own.	250½	do	do
	Jas. Foley	Occ.			
10	P. Fitzpatrick	Own.	252	do	do
	do	Occ.			
11	Jno. Lovett	Own.	256	do	do
	Thos. Miller	Occ.			
12	Fred. Stahl	Own.	264	do	do
	do	Occ.			
13	Lewis Hartman	Own.		Thompson Street	a Lot
14	Francis Child	do.		do	do
15	G. & P. Lorillard	do.		do	do
16	Jno. Morss	do.		do	do
	[264] Thos. Stagg Jr.	do.		do	do
	Jas. Campbell	do		do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The City Inspector, on the petition of Hicks and Titus, reported:

" That Messrs. Hicks & Titus were ordinanced to remove a nuisance by the 20th of January last. On the 12th of February it appeared that the nuisance was covered instead of being emptied as the Law directs, upon which it was sent to the Attorney for prosecution.

" It farther appears that after the Attorney notified the said petitioners they remedied the evil according to the letter and spirit of the Ordinance.

" Under these circumstances, should the Board be inclined to remit the penalty it is respectfully suggested that the costs should be paid by the petitioners."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

[265] The City Inspector presented the following:

" The City Inspector respectfully reports sundry sunken lots on Thompson Street as great nuisances, insomuch so that some new houses built on that street are in danger of having their foundations undermined and the buildings thereby either impaired or destroyed.

" All the other lots on that street that could be ordinanced have been presented, but as the lots in question are contested in Chancery no remedy appears likely to avail but from the Board's filling in said lots and causing them to be advertised and sold for the expence thereof."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the same to be filled in agreeably, the expence to remain a lien on the lot.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the Resolution respecting the reservation of certain places for public Slips and Basins, reported:

" That they have taken the same into consideration and offer the following Resolution:

[266] " That all the waters in front of the Market ground at Crane Wharf be reserved:

" All the waters from west side of Jefferson Street to East side of Clinton Street:

" Market Street Slip. Fifty feet each side from the permanent line:

" Walnut Street Slip Two hundred feet wide from the permanent line:

" All the Waters east of Corlaers' street to Grand Street:

" Grand, Broome and Delancey Street Slips to be widened beyond the line of East Street:

" A Slip one hundred feet on each side of North Street from the permanent line:

" All the Waters from Sixth Street to the market place, and from the Market place to Eleventh Street:

" All the Waters from Fourth to Fifth Streets beyond the present grant:

" All the Waters from 13th to 15th Streets between Avenues 'C.' and 'D.'

" All the Waters from 17th to 19th Streets between Avenues 'A' and 'B.'

" All the Waters from Twenty-second to twenty third Streets.

[267] " Reservation for public Slips and Basins on the Hudson River.

" Reserve a Basin of 340 feet equidistant from the Battery and Southwest side of New Albany Basin.

" All the waters from Vesey to Barclay Street.
do. do. Murray to Warren Street
do. do. Provost to N Moore Street.
do. do. Hubert to Vestry Street
do. do. Charlton to King Street
do. do. Clarkson to LeRoy Street
do. do. Barrow St. to State Prison
do. do. Perry to Harman Street
do. do. Cornelia to Jane Street
do. do. 12th to 13th Street
do. do. 14th to 19th Street
do. do. 22d to 24th Street
do. do. 26th to 27th Street
do. do. 28th to 29th Street
do. do. 31st to 32d Street
do. do. 34th to 35th Street
do. do. 37th to 38th Street
do. do. 40th to 41st Street
do. do. 43d to 44th Street
do. do. 46th to 47th Street
do. [268] do. 49th to 50th Street.
do. do. 52d to 53d Street

"All the waters from 55th to 56th Street
do. do. 58th to 59th Street
do. do. 62d to 63d Street
do. do. 65th to 66th Street
do. do. 69th to 71st Street
do. do. 73d to 74th Street

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster
" Robert McQueen

Whereupon Resolved that the places described in said Report be, and the same are hereby reserved for public Slips & Basins

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Abraham Sears for appointment of Measurer of grain, reported the following:

"Resolved that Abraham Sears be, and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain.'

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

Which was approved & he was accordingly appointed.

[269] The same Committee, on the petition of William J. Brower for appointment of Weighmaster, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that William J. Brower be, and is hereby appointed a Weighmaster."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

Which was approved & he was accordingly appointed.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Campbell for the appointment of Weighmaster, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that John Campbell be, and is hereby appointed a Weighmaster."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

which was agreed to and he was accordingly appointed.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the petition of Messrs. Hunter, Vail and Morrel, for permission to assign the lease of Grand

Street Ferry, which was presented on the 22^d^ of February last and laid for consideration, was now called up and being read was as [270] follows:

" The petitioners hold a lease of said Ferry for 21 years from the 1st day of May 1814, and David Dunham and Associates hold a lease for the ferry at the foot of Delancey Street to Williamsburg for 21 years from the first day of May 1813. The object in establishing the ferry at the foot of Grand Street was communicated to the Board at the time by the Committee on that subject, who not only examined the claims set up by the parties but also the utility of said establishment in a public point of view and a decided preference was given to that from the foot of Grand Street. The Committee are of opinion that the present population of that part of the City is not sufficient to support the two ferries in competition with each other and as they are informed and believe that the transfer is to be made on such terms as will bind Mr. Dunham to continue the present establishment at both ferries, whereby the people most interested will receive all the accommodation required and no injury can be sus- [271] tained by the Corporation or the public. The Committee cannot perceive any objection to granting the prayer of the petition and therefore recommend the following Resolution:

" Resolved that W. Hunter, W. Vail and T. Morrill be permitted to make a transfer of their lease for the Ferry from Grand Street to Morrill's point to David Dunham.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" R. Munson
" Peter Mesier.

Whereupon the Resolution was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the subject of improving Harman Street, reported:

" That they have communicated with Colonel Rutgers and those of the family who are owners of lots on said Street on the subject referred, that they all agree to the propositions made by Colonel Rutgers except the Executors to the estate of Mrs. McRea who state that they are so circumstanced that they cannot enter into any arrangement whatever. The proposition of Colonel Rutgers is that he will assume the assessment of all the lots on the North side of Harman Street which have not more than [272] 15 years unexpired, the lessees to agree to pay the interest on their respective assessments in addition to their present rents provided the improvement go into effect immediately after the 1st of May next.

" The Committee have given to the propositions a deliberate consideration and are of opinion that it would be partial & unjust to agree to the same, inasmuch as the assurances said to be given in the report on which the improvement was predicated was general as it related to all the lessees without any limitation, and your Committee can see no good reason why the lessees not included in Colonel Rutgers' proposition should not have the same relief as those thereby provided for. They do therefore recommend the adoption of the two first Resolutions heretofore reported by them which are as follows:

" Resolved that the widening and improving of Harman Street be delayed for the term of 15 months from and after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners—provided the owners in fee of the lots held by lessees shall not have assumed the pay- [273] ment of the Assessments on said lots on or before the first day of April next.

" Resolved that if the said owners in fee shall assume the payment of said Assessment on or before the 1st day of April next then the widening and improving of Harman Street shall go into effect immediately after the first day of May next."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

Whereupon the several Resolutions were adopted. Alderman King presented a Resolution on the subject, when the Recorder moved to strike out all from the word ' Resolved ' and insert a Resolution proposed by him. The motion on striking out was agreed to. Alderman King moved to strike out & insert ' if Col. Rutgers & all others of his family who are Lessors '—The Resolution thus amended was as follows:

" Resolved that if Colonel Rutgers and all others of his family who are lessors of grounds assessed for widening Harman Street, as set forth in the Report of the Committee on that subject, shall refuse or neglect to enter into a written engagement to comply with the [274] same by the 15th day of March instant then this Board will adopt every legal measure by application to the Legislature or otherwise to prevent the same from going into effect until such engagement shall be fulfilled on the part of the proprietors."

The question being taken on agreeing to the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom was referred the Communication of the City Inspector on the subject of Fire Wood, presented a Report. The Communication of the City Inspector was as follows:

The City Inspector respectfully states to the Board that the graduated scale for measuring Fire wood, styled 'Ackers Scale' has been deposited in his office.

"That the Inspectors of Firewood have generally examined the Scale and are preparing others upon its plan for the use intended by the Board

"It has been remarked that the rungs of the Cartmen's Carts in which the Firewood is carried are too short and that [275] still an uncertainty will prevail by the rounding of the Wood above the rungs, which might be obviated by directing the lengthening of the rungs to six feet, and thus, the Fire wood being piled flat at the top, the Scale may be more effectually applied with the approbation of both buyer and Seller."

(signed) George Cumming
City Inspector

The Report of the Committee was as follows:

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, to whom the foregoing Communication of the City Inspector was referred, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the rungs of carts for carting Fire wood may be lengthened with advantage to the Community. Five feet six inches above the floor of the Cart will be sufficient to pile the shortest cordwood under the chains of the Cart and leave the top flat and easily measured by Acker's Scale. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the 'Law to regulate the Sale of Fire Wood' be so amended that all lengths of Fire Wood not less than 2 feet 9 inches be considered as Merchantable wood and be [276] allowed to be sold by measure as such, and, in order that the Inspectors may be enabled to make a Cartman's load of firewood contain 37 feet 10 inches & 8/12 and be piled between the rungs without being rounded, that the law be altered in this respect also, and that all cartmen riding fire wood be required to mark the rungs of their carts made to rise 5 feet 6 inches above the floor thereof, and that no Inspector of Firewood shall allow any load to be rounded off but piled square between the rungs and that each load, when inspected and measured by Acker's Scale shall contain in solid contents 37 feet 10 inches and $8/_{12}$."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Jacob B. Taylor
" E. W. King
" John Morss.

Whereupon the Resolution was agreed to and the Council was directed to report an amendment to the Ordinance agreeably to said Report.

[277] The Comptroller presented a Release to Stephen Allen Esqr. for Quit Rent on a Water grant in the Fourth Ward issued in the name of James Renaudet dated 6th day of March A. D. 1752, which had been commuted for by said Stephen Allen Esqr. Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

The Report of the Street Committee on the petition of Edward and William M. Hitchcock, which was presented on the 15th February last and laid for consideration, was now called up and read as follows:

"Your Committee have taken this subject under their consideration and are of opinion, inasmuch as the system was a new one and considered by some as an experiment, it would be proper to remit the penalties by paying the Attorney his cost, and in order to carry the same into effect, your Committee recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the penalties incurred by Edward & William M. Hitchcock be remitted on paying the Attorney his costs."

(signed) J. B. Taylor: J. Morss
" S. Akerly. L. Kip: S. Parker

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution, it was carried in the Affirmative.

[278] The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a law to amend the law entitled "A Law respecting Weights & Measures." which was read by paragraphs and passed.

He also, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith entitled "an Act to amend an act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act so far as it relates to Assistant Justices." which was read by paragraphs, amended and agreed to, and the same was directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

On motion of Alderman Munson—Resolved that a Watchman be stationed at or near the foot of Grand Street and that the Watch Committee give the necessary directions for that purpose.

The Comptroller presented the proposals he had received for leasing the Docks & Slips the ensuing year. Whereupon the Gallery was cleared &

The Doors closed.

[279] The several proposals offered were opened and read, when it appeared that Herman Ruggles had offered the sum of $42,500. which was the highest sum offered. It was Resolved that his offer be accepted and that the public Docks & Slips be leased to the said Herman Ruggles for one year from the 1st of May next, he giving good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Finance Committee for the payment of the said sum of $42,500 in quarterly payments & performing the Covenants of the said Lease. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Ruggles that it was expected his Surety would be given and the Contract completed on or before Monday next the 15th instant.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 1st inst	7121.61	
Received for Rents	2078.12	9199.73

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st dist^t	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d do	462.
[280] Matthew Dubois 36 Watch Caps—3d district	144.
C. D. Colden Esqr. Mayor—One Qr's Salary 2d instant	1750.
B. Skaats to pay 6 accounts expences at General Jackson's Visit	308.26
Anthony Bleecker—Examiner in Chancery fees. case of R. Varick versus the Corporation	97.14
Jno. Richardson—attend^g Justices' Court one quarter to 1st instant	56.25
George Chown—Coach hire for Alms' House Committee	12.
Isaac Pike—Watchman—Witness at Court 6th inst. versus W. Plunket	2.
P. Debaum—on ac^t regul^g Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St	300.
James Meghan—balance for paving Vestry Street	171.44
Charles Mooney—balance for paving Provost Street	41.
J. M^{c}Comb—Street Commissioner for earth at Charlton St. Basin	500.
Thos. Barnum—Superint^g Wharves 24 days to 7th instant	48.
[281] O. Edwards—Court Charges and Attorney's fees opening Sixth Avenue & Carmine Street	334.56

Henry Meigs—Commiss^{rs} fees and expences opening Sixth avenue & Carmine Street	293.	
J. Hays for Officers conveying prisoners to Penitentiary—One quarter 26th February	87.	
Elisha W. King Esqr. Int. on Bond to R. Bogardus assigned 1 year to 1st Feby. 1819	128.45	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs for Repairs	500.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs for rep^{g} pier No. 13 Albany Basin	191.	
J. P. Roome—Supt. of Repairs for reprg. Lamps in February	73.	7324.35
	Balance	$1875.38

Board Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 oclock

[282] In Common Council March 15. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—Presid^{t}
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy. L. Underhill	Jno. P. Anthony
W^{m} F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert M^{c}Queen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition [was read] from Joseph Constant for permission to construct Four Vaults in front of his Lots in White Street near Broadway—which was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants, stating [283] that the Well and pump at the intersection of Division and Ludlow Streets was dry, and praying the same may be deepened, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the opening and extending of Lispenard Street to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of David Dunham was received, stating that he is the sole proprietor of the Williamsburg Ferry; that he is also proprietor of the Grand Street Ferry; that he has become possessed of them at great sacrifices and greatly with a view to the public benefit as the former proprietors of Grand Street Ferry found it impossible for the two ferries to exist together. He therefore prayed to be permitted to make use of the landing at York-town for his Boat now plying between Delancey Slip and Williamsburgh and that he be released from the terms of the Lease of the said Ferry and that the two ferries be for the present consolidated and requests a lease agreeably to such arrangements. Whereupon [284] the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Letter was received from John Nitchie Esqr. exhibiting, in conformity with the Resolution of   February last, a statement of his account as former public Administrator. A similar letter was received from Judah Hammond Esqr. the present public Administrator, with the Statement required of the estates of Intestates which had come to his hands. Whereupon the same were referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the Governors of the New York Hospital was received, stating that tho' the principal of the Arrears of their demand against the Corporation up to the 31st December last was paid, yet a sum amounting to $1171.2 was due to them for interest which they requested might be paid to them. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Oliver A. White was received, stating that he is one of the Constables of the 3d Ward: That in that capacity he received [285] an execution at the suit of the Corporation against one Charles Day; that by artful practices the said Day effected his escape from petitioner; that said petitioner has been prosecuted for the escape, a recovery had against him and he is now in prison therefor; that he is poor and has a family to maintain and praying to be relieved from the said judgment. Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee with authority to release the judgment against him.

A Recommendation from a number of Citizens in behalf of the appointment of Abel W. Hardenbrook as a Sealer of Weights & Measures. A petition of William S. Clark for some appointment under the Board with a recommendation in his favor from his Excellency D. D. Tompkins: A petition of Samuel Littlefield for appointment of Measurer of Grain: A petition of Abraham M. Valentine for appointment of Inspector of Lumber—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of David D. Deming, praying [286] on account of his indigent circumstances to be relieved from a personal Tax laid on him, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from a number of the Inhabitants of this City to the Legislature, remonstrating against the repeal of the Act to protect the fishing in Hudson River and to prevent obstructions in the Navigation thereof passed 11th April 1815, was presented with a request that the Common Council would give their sanction to said petition; whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A petition from Alexander Black, stating that he had made great improvements in Lamps by means of heating the Oil used in them and by which means Summer strained oil is of equal use with winter oil, and requesting the patronage of the Common Council, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[287] A complaint of sundry Inhabitants of Kings' County against the Inspectors of Manure, alleging that insufficient loads were inspected and passed by them, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Conelius Harsin, on subject of Lot No. 1. extending from Washington to West Street which lot is directed to be filled up, and proposing that the expence of the same should be advanced by the Corporation and that he would assign to them Lot No. 2 as a collateral security for the repayment of said expences, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Thomas Fairchild, praying relief from payment of a personal tax assessed on him he being from his straitened circumstances unable to pay the same, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Letter from William B. Crosby, addressed to Alderman Buckmaster, was presented by him to the Board, detailing the number [288] of lots on Harman Street owned by the Rutgers' family and furnishing a Schedule of the same, which was read and directed to be referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel presented a Lease of a house and Lot at the corner of Chapel & Beach Streets to Isaac Russell, which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Lease to James Lowerre of the inside of a Slip at the foot of Canal Street, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1	Jno. Mildeberger	Own.	213 William St.	a privy
	William Wa[t]kins	Occ.		
2	Thos. Lufborrow	Own. &	221 do	do
	do.	Occ.		
3	Benjn. Townsend.	Own.	243 do	do
	Mrs. Eliza Barber	Occ.		
4	Andrew Dunham	Own.	263 do	do
	Mrs. C. Wood	Occ.		
5	[289] Benj^{n} Townsend	Own.	17 Duane St.	do
	do.	Occ.		
6	Benjamin Dibbs	Les.	9 Water St.	do
	do	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner, on the petition complaining of the Assessment of Collect Street, presented a Report which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Arundel Street near Delancey Street and for one in Cannon Street near Delancey Street—which were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott in the latter.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Joseph Constant, Reported:

" That they have examined the situation and are of the opinion that it will be very in- [290] convenient to the petitioner and that it may be removed a few feet farther to the eastward without being any inconvenience to the neighbourhood.

" The sketch annexed will more particularly shew the intended alteration—They therefore beg leave to present the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Joseph Constant be authorised to cause the Well and Pump in White Street to be removed at his own cost and charge from its present situation to the north corner of Courtlandt Alley and that the new Well be built and furnished in such manner as may be approved by the Superintendant of Repairs."

(signed) Robert M^c^Queen
" Shivers Parker
" J. M^c^Comb St. Com^r^

which Report was agreed to.

The Street Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward, on the petition and remonstrance on subject of opening Beekman Street, Reported:

" That they have considered the [291] subject of opening this Street on the old plan and on the proposed plan. The adopted plan of improvement makes the Street so crooked as renders it impossible to see the river from the upper part of Beekman Street, and from the jogs in it it will be particularly unpleasant to the eye as you ascend this Street from the water. On the whole your Committee are of opinion that the old plan should be relinquished and the plan petitioned for adopted which plan commences at Abraham S. Hallett's house in Beekman Street and runs until it strikes the Southwest corner of Mrs. Byvank's Water Grant in South Street.

" The opening of the Street on this plan will cost the Corporation about Nine thousand dollars more than the opening of the Street on the old plan, and the expence to the neighbourhood will be also considerably greater. The Committee think that a permanent improvement to the City should not be adopted on a wrong plan from the consideration of such an expence to the Corporation. It will be necessary for the Corporation on the adoption of this plan also to take two additional lots for to bring their market and [292] ground up to the proposed line of this Street, and though this will also increase in another way the expence to the Corporation yet they will obtain additional ground for their market which in opinion of your Committee is required. Your Committee offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a law and memorial to the Legislature, requesting that the Commissioners who have been appointed by the Supreme Court for the opening of Beekman Street be directed to open the Street and assess the property on the plan proposed in the above report—and that the Commissioners for taking the ground for a site for the new market also take out, in addition to what they have already been directed to take, the ground up to the Southwestern line of Beekman Street on the new plan."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Akerly
" Shivers Parker
" E. W. King
" Saml. Stevens.

The question being taken thereon, it [293] passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens the Members voted as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier Underhill Morss M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Westervelt Board Allen 12

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen King Van Amringe Messrs. Stevens Anthony Parker Akerly. 7

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

" Resolved that the Resolution passed this Board requesting the Commissioners for opening Beekman Street to suspend their proceedings be and the same is hereby repealed and that the Clerk furnish the Commissioners with a copy of this Resolution."

Which was agreed to.

[294] He also presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare the Report of the Commissioners for taking the ground for the new Market and present the same to the Supreme Court at the next term—which was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the complaint against Jacob Acker, Reported:

" That they have examined the Certificates and the parties complaining and the Inspector complained against, and feel satisfied that the load which was the subject of dispute contained the legal quantity."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which was directed to be filed.

Alderman King moved that the Resolution presented by him on the 8th of February last and which had been laid for consideration be now considered—which was agreed to—and the same being read was as follows:

" Resolved that his Honor the Mayor [295] be and he is hereby respectfully requested not to grant more than Tavern Licences in this City the ensuing year"

After some debate thereon Mr. Stevens moved the following amendment to precede the Resolution

"Resolved that the Common Council approve of the reduction which his Honor the Mayor has made in the number of Tavern Licences during the last year, and—"

The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Van Amringe then moved that the following preamble be prefixed to the Resolution:

"Whereas his Honor the Mayor has requested the advice of this Board as to the number of Licences for Taverns which should be granted by him for the present year. Therefore—"

The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Mesier were as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor [296] Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Allen

The question was then taken on the original Resolution and lost. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster were the same as on the last vote.

Alderman King then presented the following:

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a Bill and Memorial to the Legislature to limit the number of Tavern Licences to   for the ensuing year & to prohibit an increase of the number of such licences for any future year of more than   "

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and Nays, having been called by Alderman Mesier, were as follows:

[297] Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt

Negative Aldermen M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Akerly Allen

It was then referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to consider as to the number of Licences with which the Blanks in the Resolution shall be filled up and to report at the next meeting of the Board. The Counsel was also directed to prepare the Memorial and Bill and present the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Allen moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of a Sealer of Weights and Measures, which was agreed to. The Board accordingly proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill the said Office, when Joseph P. Simpson had a Majority of the Votes [298] and it was Resolved that Joseph P. Simpson be, and he is hereby appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures.

It was moved that the gallery be cleared for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of leasing the public docks and Slips. which was agreed to and

The Doors were closed.

A Letter was received from Herman Ruggles stating that the friends upon whom he had relied to become his Sureties in the Contract for the public docks & Slips refused to join with him in a Bond alleging that his offer had been two high and that therefore he was obliged to abandon the Contract. Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to consider and report whether an action might not be sustained against Herman Ruggles for refusing to comply with his proposal in case the Board should not hereafter be able to lease the said public docks and Slips for as much as had been offered by said Herman Ruggles. It was also Resolved that the Comptroller advertise anew for proposals for leasing [299] the docks and Slips for the ensuing year and that the persons offering to contract be requested to mention in their proposals the names of the persons whom they would offer as their Sureties for the fulfilment of the Contract:

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th inst	1875.38	
Received for Tax of year 1818—1st 2d 3d 5th 7th 8th 10th Wards	23,900.	
“ Common Lands	2279.03	
“ Streets	1700.	
“ Wells & Pumps	167.50	
“ Mayoralty fees	32.50	
“ Commutation Alien passenrs	110.	
“ Tavern Licences	151.90	
“ Excise	62.	
“ Police received on Account of unclaimed goods	340.01	30,618.32

Accounts Audited.

Philip Becanon—Inspector of Bread one quarter's Salary 10th inst	100.
[300] J. Hays for Officers conveying persons to Bridewell 1st Nov. to 26th February	120.
John Sloan on account regulating Wooster Street	1100.

Jonathan Carlton—balance building Engine houses in Rose Street	143.	
Richd Furman—Supt of Alms' house	5000.	
President, Directors & Company of Mechanics' Bank—Bond $20,000 and Interest 2½ months to 15th inst. at 6 p. cent.	20,250.	26,713.
	Balance	$3905.32

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[301] In Common Council March 22. 1819

Present Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	David Board
George Buckmaster	Effingm Schieffelin
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Letter was received from Robert R. Hunter stating that an action of ejectment had been brought against him by Beverly Robinson for the Lot bought by him of the Corporation and giving notice that in case of recovery against him he shall look to the Corporation for remuneration. Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel to take the necessary steps [302] to defend said Suit.

A petition of Benjamin Hills praying that Philip Rhinelander may be directed immediately to fill in his part of the Lot at the foot of Barclay Street adjoining the Water lot of John Anderson, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A memorial from sundry Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Bowling Green, stating that the said Bowling Green is at present a public burthen and neither useful or ornamental and offering to take charge of the same and cultivate it so as to be useful as a public walk, was read and referred to the Committee on public lands & places.

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in relation to the opening and improving Dover Street between Cherry and South Streets, stating that after examining the same they find that the value of the property required [303] is so great and the field of Assessment for the benefit is so limited that there will be a balance of loss and damage above any benefit to be derived from the improvement. which being read was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward to report.

A petition of Abraham Bell for remission of fine for not placing a Curb or box over the opening of his grate in the Street, he having been uninformed of the law relative thereto, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward to report.

A similar petition from John Taylor was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Hugh Walker for remission of fine incurred, as is represented, by his not having his Scales & Weights sealed by the City Sealer, was read and referred to the Attorney to report.

A petition of James Thompson for permission to construct a vault opposite No. 21 in Wall Street was granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

[304] A petition of Samuel E. Benson and of Robert Murden for the Appointment of Deputy Street Inspector and of J. and D. B. Van Doren for appointment of Guager were severally read & referred to the Committee of Applications.

A petition of Thomas Wymbs in behalf of a number of the Inhabitants on the South side of Harman Street, stating that they understand it is in contemplation to widen Harman Street by taking down the houses on the South side, and praying that the same may be delayed at least for one year: A petition from Robert M^c^Dermut and others praying that the contemplated improvement of widening Harman Street may be carried into execution forthwith; and a petition from a Committee of the Inhabitants of Harman Street who consider themselves aggrieved by the Assessment for opening said Street, praying the Common Council will in pursuance of their Resolution of the 8th instant take measures for vacating the order for opening said Street—were severally read and laid for consideration.

[305] A petition of Robert Sickles for appointment of Deputy Keeper to the Penitentiary was read and referred to the Alms' house Committee.

A petition of William Hendrick, stating that he has invented an improvement in the boxes and handles or brakes of pumps which he terms 'the united forcing and lifting pump' by which means great power is acquired and much larger quantities of water can be raised than by the ordinary pumps and offering the same to the use of the Corporation, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and

Sciences with authority to use if required one of the public pumps to make the experiment.

A petition for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Grand and Broome Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of Barent Gardenier for remission of fine incurred for not clearing the Snow from the side walk, was read. Whereupon [306] Resolved that the fine be remitted to him without payment of any costs.

A memorial of Isaac Wright and others, owners of property in the Second Ward which has been assessed for the contemplated improvement of opening Beekman Street, remonstrating against the late decision of the Common Council and against the plan adopted, praying the subject may be reconsidered and that they would direct Beekman Street to be gradually widened from Abraham S. Hallett's house to Pearl Street and extended to the River on a line to strike the Southwest corner of Mrs. Byvanck's property on South Street was presented.

A Memorial was also presented from a number of owners of lots to be assessed for the contemplated improvement of Beekman Street in which they declare they highly approve of the plan adopted by the Board in relation to the same and are decidedly hostile to the proposed alteration of said plan.

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution varying somewhat the line from either of the above plans. Whereupon the said Memorial [307] and remonstrance, together with Mr. Allen's Resolution, having been read, were referred to the Street Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward.

The following person was appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Isaac Vians—Black smith—Green St. 8th ward vice Thomas Kirby. Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Cathne Russell	Own.	7 Rose St.	a Privy
	do.	Occ.		
2	G. Smith	Own	8 do	do
	E. Boggs	Occ		

3	A. Glover	Own	10	Rose St.	a Privy
	G. M^{c}Kibben	Occ.			
4	W^{m} Earle	Les. & Occ.	15	do	do
5	Widow Lilburn	Own	19	do	do
	W^{m} Van Duzen	Occ			
6	James Chalmers	Own.	20	do	do
	E. Merritt	Occ			
7	Jno. Nugent	Own	36	do	do
	do.	Occ			
8	[308] John Youngs	Own	39	do	do
	do.	Occ.			
9	Emma Williams	Own	49	do	do
	do.	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Jacob Warner for Lot No. 265 William Street—which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel, agreeably to the Resolution of the Board at the last meeting, reported a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of Tavern Licences and the draught of a Bill to be enacted into a Law entitled 'An Act concerning the retailing of Spirituous Liquors in the City of New York' which Bill having been read was in the words following:

'An Act concerning the retailing of Spirituous liquors in the City of New York.'

(1.) Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate [309] and Assembly—That it shall not be lawful for any person residing in the City of New York, nor for any two or more persons residing in the said City and being partners in business or inhabiting or using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business to keep a Tavern or carry on the business or calling of a Tavern Keeper and at the same time to be a retailer of strong or spirituous liquors in the said City under Five gallons to be drank or used out of the house, shop, tenement, garden or place where the same is sold or kept for sale.

(2.) And be it farther enacted—That if any person residing in the City of New York, or any two or more persons residing in the said City and being partners in business or inhabiting or using the same house, shop, garden, tenement or place of business, shall first obtain a licence or permission to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow the business of a Tavern-keeper, he, she or they shall thereby be disqualified and disenabled during the continuance of said licence or permission [310] to obtain a licence or permission from the Commissioners of the Excise or any other person or persons, body politic or corporate, to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons to be used or drunk out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business, in case any such person or persons shall first obtain a licence commonly called the excise or any licence or permission to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons, to be drunk out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business, he she or they shall thereby be disqualified and disenabled during the continuance of such licence or permission to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow the business of a Tavern Keeper.

(3.) And be it farther enacted—That if any person or persons as aforesaid shall obtain a licence to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow the business of a Tavern-keeper therein, no other person or persons being at the time or thereafter and during the continuance of said licence become a partner in business with him, [311] her or them or becoming an Inhabitant of or using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business, shall be entitled to and obtain a licence commonly called the excise or a licence or permission to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons, to be drunk or used out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business—and if any person shall obtain the said last mentioned licence or permission, no other person or persons being at the time or thereafter and during the continuance of such licence become a partner in business with him her or them or becoming an inhabitant of and using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business shall be entitled to obtain a licence or permission to keep a Tavern or to follow the business of a Tavern-keeper.

(4.) And be it farther enacted—That if any single person or two or more persons as aforesaid shall obtain or have at the same time the two licences hereby intended to be prohibited, both of them shall be void and the person or persons so obtaining and having them shall be subject [312] to all the pains, penalties and forfeitures to which he, she or they would become liable by means of his business & transactions as tho' the same was done or transacted without any licence for that purpose.

(5.) And be it farther enacted—That no such licence shall be granted in the said City to retail strong or spirituous liquors for the purpose of keeping an Inn or Tavern unless such person or persons so applying shall first obtain a Certificate from and signed by the Assessors of the Ward in which such applicant resides certifying that such person or persons are of good moral character and that in their opinion it is proper and necessary that such licence should be granted.

(6.) And be it farther enacted—That the person who now is or hereafter may be appointed Commissioner of Excise in the City of New York shall, before he proceed to execute the duties of his Office, take and subscribe the following oath before the Mayor or Recorder of the said City—To wit.

I   Commissioner of Excise do solemnly swear that I will [313] in all things while acting as Commissioner of Excise do my duty according to the best of my judgment without fear, favor or partiality according to law.'

Which Oath shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the said City.

(7.) And be it farther enacted—That this act shall not take effect till the first day of August next in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

(8.) And be it farther enacted that at any time hereafter it shall be lawful to grant a Licence for the purpose of keeping an Inn or Tavern and also at the same time to retail strong or spirituous liquors to any person or persons who shall have licences for both those purposes in the said City on or before the first day of August next any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding:

After some debate thereon Alderman King moved that the said Bill be referred back to the Counsel with directions to report a [314] Bill in conformity with and agreeably to the Resolution of the Board of the last meeting. Debates being had thereon and the question having been taken on the said motion it passed in the negative. The ayes & nays having been required by Alderman King were as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Morss M^c^Queen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Stevens Bolton

Mr. Akerly then moved a Resolution that the Bill be rejected.

Mr. Stevens moved as an Amendment to add 'the same not being drawn in conformity to the Resolution passed at the [315] last meeting of the Board.' The question being taken thereon it passed in the

Negative. The ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens were as follows:

Negative Aldermen M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The question was then taken on Mr. Akerly's motion to reject and passed in the Affirmative, all the members present voting in the Affirmative except Alderman Mesier who voted in the Negative.

Alderman King then presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Council be directed to prepare a Bill & Memorial to the Legislature in relation to the limitation of [316] Tavern licences to be granted in this City in conformity to the Resolution of this Board passed at the last meeting."

The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman King were as follows:

Negative Aldermen Underhill Van Amringe Morss M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen.

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The Committee of Applications, on petition of William S. Clark—reported

"That they have taken the same [317] into consideration and are in favor of his being appointed a Measurer, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that William S. Clark be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain."

(signed) David Board
" Eff^m Schieffelin

Which was approved and it was Resolved that William S. Clark be appointed a Measurer of Grain accordingly.

The same Committee, on the petition of Samuel Littlefield, reported in his favor and offered the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Samuel Littlefield be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain

(signed) David Board
Eff^m Schieffelin

Whereupon it was Resolved that Samuel Littlefield be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain &c.

The same Committee, on the petition of Abraham M. Valentine, reported in his favor and offered the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Abraham M. Valentine [318] be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lumber."

(signed) David Board
" Effm Schieffelin

Whereupon it was Resolved that Abraham M. Valentine be appointed a Measurer of Lumber.

The same Committee, on the petition of William Craft, reported:

" That they have understood that the applicant is a suitable person to receive the appointment solicited. They offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that William Craft be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of grain for the City of New York."

(signed) David Board
" Effm Schieffelin

Whereupon Resolved that William Craft be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain &c.

The following Report on the subject of Vaccination was received from the Trustees of the City Dispensary: Viz.

[319] To the Honorable the Corporation of the City & County of New York.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary to enquire into the state of the Vaccine Department of this Institution and to communicate the same to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council beg leave respectfully to report.

That agreeably to the provisions made by your Honorable Body for the diffusion of the benefits of Vaccination among the poor of this City and its vicinity the Physicians of the Dispensary during the past year have vaccinated Eight hundred and forty two persons. Of this number Five hundred & thirty have been vaccinated at the Institution and Three hundred & twelve at their respective places of abode.

The annexed Documents prepared by the physicians contain the details upon this subject.

The undersigned Committee by direction of the Trustees also respectfully solicit from your Honorable Body the continu- [320] ance of the pecuniary remuneration hitherto granted to the attending Physicians of this Institution in order the better to enable the Trustees to extend more widely among the poor the invaluable blessings of Vaccination and thereby to secure the Community from the ravages of a loathsome & mortal disease

(signed) David Hosack
" Francis B. Winthrop

After making the above Report, in conformity with a Resolution of the Corporation, the Treasurer of the City Dispensary respectfully solicits the balance due the Vaccine Department viz $300—the current year having expired on the 16th March instant.

(signed) Francis B. Winthrop.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of the mortgaged property of A. L. Bleecker bought in at the sales of the same under direction of the Loan Officers by the Corporation, Reported: That [321] they have finally effected a Settlement with the president of said (Manhattan) Company who has paid the amount of Mortgage with the interest due the Loan Officers together with the money advanced by the Corporation and the taxes and assessments due on said property and they now present the Deed from the Corporation to the Manhattan Company for execution"

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier

Whereupon Resolved that the Release on the part of the Corporation to the Manhattan Company be duly executed, and Resolved farther that the original Deed to the Corporation be delivered over to the Manhattan Company.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the subject of the fishing in Hudson River, Reported:

"That the objects of the Memorialists appear to your Committee both laudable and salutary, but they nevertheless are of opinion that it is inexpedient to affix to it [322] the Seal of this incorporation, inasmuch as it would open the door for continual applications to the Board for their sanction to memorials & petitions to the Legislature on all subjects of a public nature, and the too frequent use of their seal would in effect destroy its influence and respectability. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to affix the Seal of this Corporation to the Memorial of A. H. Lawrence & others to the Legislature."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster
" John Morss.

Whereupon the proposed Resolution was agreed to.

Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution on the subject of exempting the proprietors of the piers & Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip from keeping the same in repair after the premises shall be in possession of the Corporation—[323] which was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to expunge said Covenant from the Deed.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the Council Chamber to be cleaned & painted as speedily as possible.

Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Estimate on Beekman Street to delay any further proceedings, which was read & laid for consideration.

On motion of Alderman King,

"Resolved that the Counsel, under direction of the Street Committee prepare a Memorial to the Legislature in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 8th instant in relation to staying proceedings and to vacate the Assessment for opening Harman Street and that the said Committee be authorised to cause said Memorial to be authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature during the recess of the Board."

[324] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 15th instant	3905.32	
Received for Tax of 1818—6th 8th 9th Wards	5500.	
" " Common Lands	10,540.62	
" " Streets	886.94	20,832.88

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch First District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch Second District	700.
Bleakley & Brower Watch Third District	462.
John Bedient—Coroner fees from Jany. 1 to 17th ins	336.13
George Buckmaster Esqr—for peace Officers & Music 25th Nov. 1818	56.
Matthew Crosby for Five Casks Oil	457.62
Thomas B. Clark—Award for Lombardy Street	600.
John Williams—on account for reg. Green St	400.

[325] Thomas R. Smith—Commissioners' fees in widening Grand Street	640.	
Ogden Edwards—Court Charges & Attorney's fees—in widening Grand St	599.74	
Hugh Smith—bal^{ce} pav^{g} Water St. from Clinton to Corlaer St	140.86	
Thos. C. Taylor—for valuing buildings for opening Beekman Street	20.	
John E. West—for valuing buildings for opening Beekman Street	20.	
Dederick Grim—1st Instalment Well in Orange near Spring St.	75.	
Peter M. Allison—on acc^{t} building pier at Oliver Street	500.	
President, Directors & Co. Mechanics' Bank Bond Sept. 10. 1818—$10,000. Interest 2 mo. 22 days to 22^{d} inst. 6 p. cent.	10,136.66	16,286.76
	Balance	$4546.12

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock

[326] In Common Council Mar. 29. 1819

Present Richard Riker Esq^{r}. Recorder—President

Aldermen	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
W. F. Van Amringe	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Leonard Kip
George Buckmaster	John P. Anthony
Jacob B. Taylor	Jno. J. Westervelt
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read amended and approved.

A petition of George Duryee for appointment of Deputy Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition that Hudson Street may be paved between Beach & Vestry Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that Cannon Street may be opened [327] between Delancey & Broome Streets, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Preserved Fish for permission to construct a Vault in front of his Lot No. 218 William Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against the practice of Hawkers, Pedlars & Fruit Sellers taking Stands in the Streets for the purpose of vending their Merchandize was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of Peter & George Lorillard, stating that they are Lessees under the Corporation of Four Lots near the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row which they are desirous of purchasing & praying the same may be sold to them, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Whistler & Eales praying remission of fine incurred under the Tavern Law was read and referred to the Attorney to report on the same.

[328] A Letter was received from Edward McLaughlin Commissioner of Excise stating that having concluded not to give any Excise Licence after the 1st of April next he was desirous of exhibiting his Books and giving information of his mode of transacting the business to the Corporation and requested a Committee to be appointed for that purpose. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Joseph P. Simpson, Sealer of Weights & Measures on the subject of the condition of the County Standards of Weights, was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of John Bailey, Contractor for paving Collect Street from Pearl Street to Leonard Street, praying payment of the Balance due him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was received from Peter Jay Munro & others, stating that they are proprietors of Lots on North Side of White Street Market [329] and distinguished on a map drawn by John S. Hunn Street Commissioner dated 16th October 1809 and filed in the Comptroller's Office by the Letters K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. and Y. that there is a reservation of a Quit Rent on said Lots payable in Wheat: that they are desirous of subdividing said Lots so as to build on them and praying the rent may be apportioned and collected in future from said Lots agreeably to the subdivisions, a Map of which accompanied the petition. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of First Ward."

Richard Duryee Jr. Mercht. 149 Pearl St. 1st Ward vice Tunis Quick—Resigned

" Hook & Ladder Company No. 3."

Robert Forsyth—grocer—Hudson c. Vandam 8th Ward vice Thomas Morgan—Expelled

" Fire Engine Company No. 5."

Wm Simmons—grocer—26 Reed St. 5th Ward vice John Delamater—Resigned

[330] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump on Hubert Street near Washington Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Orange near Spring Street and for making a Road on 28th Street from the Ninth Avenue, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in the former & Morris De Camp in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed—Viz.

1	—— Carter Mdme E. Barde	Agt. Occ.	84 Pearl St.	a privy
2	Irving, Smith & Holly	Owns.	142 do	do
3	Jas. H. Maxwell S. & T. Wittemore	Own. Occ.	108 Front St.	do
4	J. H. Maxwell Robt. Gillespie	Own. Occ.	110 do	do
5	Richd Varick J. B. V. Varick	Own. Occ.	56 Water St.	do
6	[331] James Stoughton J. A. Moore	Own Occ.	58 do	do
7	Berment & Gale do	Own. Occ.	60 do	do
8	Edward Shepherd George T. Thorne	Own. Occ.	64 do	do
9	Irving & Smith W. W. Wetmore	Own. Occ.	108 do	do
10	J. H. Maxwell Mrs. Russell	Own. Occ.	109 do	do
11	J. H. Maxwell Prior & Dunning	Own. Occ.	111 do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of Hugh Walker, reported:

" That the annexed complaint was made to him by Mr. Oliver Vanderbilt late City Sealer against the said Hugh Walker—Viz

New York 29th *Feb.* [March] 1819

Sir

On the 22d of February 1819 I examined Mr. Hugh Walker's Weights the corner of Perry & Washington Streets and found them as follows:

5 [332] 56s—1 a little heavy & 4 very light
1 28 right
1 14 Light
2 7 Light
11 Small weights Light
3 Beams 1 not sealed
13 Liquid Measures 8 not sealed

Three Witnesses to prove the above to be correct

Your obdt. Ser

(signed) Oliver Vanderbilt.

Mr. Walker having been sworn stated in answer to the above mentioned complaint that it is true he had in his possession when the City Sealer called at his grocery Store 5 Fifty sixes and that as he was informed & believes one of them was too heavy & four were too light, but it is true he states that said Weights never have been used in buying or selling any Article since they have been in his possession: that he has done business in a small line and has had no occasion to use large Weights: that the Beam complained of as not having been sealed had never been used by him: that the nine small Weights complained of he farther stated under oath he purchased of Mr Vanderbilt [333] about nine months ago: that they are all Iron Weights and have undergone no alteration since he bought them: that when he purchased them they were all sealed and stamped by Mr. Vanderbilt on the surface of the lead in the hole in the bottom of each weight, which stamp is still plain to be seen: that the small liquid measures stated to have been not sealed have been very seldom used and some of them not at all: that they are the same as when purchased and as he believes all correct. He believes that Mr. Vanderbilt would not have complained of him had he known that the large Weights, which are the principal cause of complaint had never been used by him: that he was not at home when Mr Vanderbilt called at his Store and therefore could not have made to him the necessary explanations: that his Weights have since been left with the Assistant State Sealer to be adjusted and sealed.

A Mr. Miller, a respectable neighbour of Mr. Walker corroborated his statement.

According to the above statement the principal cause of complaint appears to be answered and leaves uncontradicted the use [334] only of the smaller articles without having them sealed.

respectfully submitted
(signed) A. Sherman

Whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

The Finance Committee, on the Report of the Vaccine Department of the City Dispensary; Reported:

"That they have examined the Documents referred to them by which it appears that 842 persons have been vaccinated by the Institution during the last year, 530 of which were vaccinated at the Establishment and 312 at their houses. The view given of the subject in the Report alluded to is perfectly plain & satisfactory to your Committee and the aid granted by the Board to this Department of the Institution is, in their opinion, well bestowed and has tended to extend more widely the superior benefits of Vaccination to the offspring of the poor of our City. The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions:

[335] "Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for 300 Dollars in favor of the Treasurer of the New York Dispensary, being the Balance due that Institution on an appropriation by the Corporation of 600 dollars to the Vaccine Department for the year ending the 16th day of March instant.

"Resolved that the Report of the Vaccine Department to this Board be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council.

"Resolved that the sum of 600 Dollars be appropriated to the use of the Vaccine Department attached to the New York City Dispensary for the ensuing year—provided they shall report to the Common Council, as in the present instance, the number vaccinated, their names & places of residence & whether vaccinated at the Dispensary or at their houses, together with such remarks as the case may require."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

Whereupon the said Resolutions were adopted

[336] The Finance Committee, on the petition of a Committee of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, reported:

"That they have had a conference with the Committee of said Company at which they attempted to shew that the rent required of them was more than that received by the proprietors of the pier on the East side of Beekman Slip similarly situated, and instead of 800 Dollars per annum required of them by the Corporation they offered 600 as the highest rent they were willing to give.

The time of your Committee has not permitted them to make the necessary enquiry so as to ascertain the amount received by proprietors of Wharves affording the same accommodation as the one alluded to, but from the best calculations they are enabled to make, taking the Wharfage allowed by law as a criterion and granting that at least two vessels may be accommodated at the same time, they are led to believe said pier would bring an annual income of 1000 dollars at least; and when it is recollected that no longer than the last year [337] the Corporation expended in rebuilding this wharf between 3 & 4 thousand dollars the Committee cannot think the rent required unreasonable or much too high altho' objected to by the Agents of the Company. Your Committee admit however that the establishment of these Boats is a public convenience and that the occupancy of the Wharf by other vessels might be attended with some inconvenience to the proprietors of the Ferry to Brooklyn, and therefore feel disposed to recommend the acceptance of a rent that must be deemed moderate in every point of view, and they propose the following Resolution accordingly:

"Resolved that in consideration of the public utility of the Boats established by the Fulton Steam-boat Company the Comptroller be authorised to rent them the pier at Beekman Slip for three years from the expiration of their present term at the annual rent of 700 Dollars."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Resolution proposed was agreed to.

[338] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Lease from the Corporation to James Lowerre, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to insert a Covenant in the Lease to James Lowerre binding him to pay the rent therein stipulated for any term after the expiration of the two years named in said Lease and until the Corporation shall require the possession thereof for the purpose of filling it in or for any other purpose except to rent the same as a Slip or Basin."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Resolution proposed was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution on the subject of exempting the proprietors of the piers and Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street & James Slip from keeping the premises in repair after the premises shall be in possession of the Corporation, Reported:

" That they have been at some pains to ascertain the views of the Jury who assessed [349] the damages in that case and in no instance have they found a difference of opinion—there being no doubt on the minds of those consulted on the subject that in making out the award their views extended no farther than present damages and did not include any expence to be incurred by the proprietors after the property should be vested in the Corporation, neither did they know, nor could such knowledge be inferred from the arguments of Counsel or the charge of the Recorder that the Law would bear such construction.

The Committee are satisfied therefore that the Covenant compelling the proprietors to keep the piers and Bulkhead in repair ought not to be insisted on by the Board and they accordingly recommend the passage of the Resolution referred to them in the following words:

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be and he is hereby instructed to prepare the Deeds for the rights of the proprietors of the property to be taken between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James or New Slip for public purposes without a Covenant on the part of said proprietors [340] to keep it in repair after the same shall have been in the possession of this Board."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe.

whereupon the Resolution was agreed to.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Harsin presented a Report which was referred to the Counsel for his opinion thereon.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Philip Earl for right to establish a Ferry at Weehawk, Reported:

" That they have considered the subject committed to them and find that the Ferry between this City and Weehawk has been discontinued for several years: That the petitioner is a respectable & competent man and they are of opinion that the public convenience requires that that Ferry should be resumed. It cannot however be expected that the profits of the Ferry will more than meet the expences for several years to come especially as the Lessee will be under the [341] necessity of hiring a Landing place on this side. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Lease be granted to the petitioner for the Ferry between this City and Weehawk for the term of Fifteen years from the 1st of April next, the first five years at a nominal rent, the next five years at the rate of Fifty Dollars per annum and for the residue of the Term One hundred dollars per annum—that the Lessee shall provide some suitable landing place on the New York side at his own expence with liberty to change such landing place from time to time as he may deem it expedient and that no other ferry be granted during the said term within the distance of a quarter of a mile on each side of the former landing place at Weehawk

And your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a Lease (not inconsistent with any former lease) from this Corporation to Philip Earl for the Ferry between this City & Weehawk in conformity with the foregoing report."

(signed) E. W. King
" Jno. P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

which resolution was agreed to.

[342] The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Charles McCarthy praying that a portion of the Assessment laid on the premises held by lease under the Corporation for paving Roosevelt Street may be borne by the Corporation, Reported:

" That he has no reason of complaint. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that said Charles McCarty have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

which was Approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of David D. Deming, reported the following:

"Resolved that the Collector of the Ward be directed not to collect the sum of Forty Dollars assessed on David D. Deming and return the same among the errors & insolvencies of said Ward."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

Which was agreed to.

[343] The same Committee, on the petition of Hugh M^c^Cormick to be released from the payment of Arrears of Taxes in the years 1812 and 1813 alleged to be unpaid but which he insisted were paid by him, reported:

"Your Committee are of opinion, without any doubt, that he has paid his taxes and that the Collector has been remiss in his duty and that said M^c^Cormick is entitled to the fullest credit as is set forth in his petition. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the said Hugh M^c^Cormick be exonerated from paying the Tax of Forty Dollars with the interest as demanded of him by the Collector."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

whereupon the resolution proposed was agreed to.

The Street Committee and the Alderman & Assistant of the Second Ward, to whom were referred the petitions on subject of opening [344] Beekman Street, together with the Resolution on the subject, Reported:

"That they have again given this improvement & the documents in relation to it their attentive consideration. The importance of the improvement and the interest which it has excited are admitted and known to the Board. The Committee are unanimous in opinion that the straight line will make the best & most ornamental improvement, tho' the expences incident to this mode of improvement have to some extent divided the Committee, as well as the neighbourhood, in opinion as to the expediency of carrying it into effect. To enable the Board to judge of the wishes of the neighbourhood who have petitioned and expressed their opinions to the Committee we have taken the amount of their respective assessments and we find that the petitioners for the straight line improvement pay $24000, toward opening the Street. The petitioners for the old or crooked line improvement pay $18,534. It must also be observed that the Assessments on the property of the petitioners in favor of the [345] new line, if the new line were adopted, would be much increased and far exceed the Assessment on the property of the petitioners for the old line. The reason of this is obvious. The petitioners in favor of the Old Line, or some of them, are assessed for fronts, whereas if the new line were adopted the Assessment for fronts would fall on the petitioners for the new improvement which would tend to increase the Assessment of the one set of petitioners while it diminished that of the other.

But your Committee are inclined to think that not much consideration should be given to the wishes of the individuals on either petition whose property will become Fronts by the adoption of either of their respective plans.

Your Committee consider that the property in Beekman Street and the Cross Streets above Pearl Street is differently situated the owners of which may be said to be less interested than those above referred to, the Committee find that the amount of Assessments in those Streets for the straight line improvement to be $13,262. and for the crooked line improvement to be but $3871.

[346] In relation to the increased expence to the Corporation for the one third of the Buildings, the Board are referred to the former Report.

The small quantity of ground which will be left between the Market and this Street your Committee think is required for public purposes, but if in the opinion of the Board it is not required this does not appear to be a good reason that the Board should adopt a bad improvement to meet their own particular views when the neighbourhood have to pay more than nine tenths of the expence of the improvement.

In relation to the line proposed by the Resolution referred to this Committee we are of opinion that it does not present advantages sufficient nor does it remedy the evil sufficiently to make it advisable to adopt it.

It appears to your Committee that a great majority of the people in Beekman Street and the Cross Streets above Pearl would prefer that this improvement should be dropped to carrying it into effect on the Crooked lines. To the owners of property [347] below Pearl Street it is not of so much consequence on which plan the Street is opened excepting where their property becomes fronts on the respective plans.

" Your Committee have only farther to observe that after this re-examination of the subject they adhere to the opinion expressed in their former Report and it is for the Board to determine. The Committee, to bring the subject properly before the Board, offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Board re-consider the vote taken on the Resolution recommended by this Committee in a former Report."

(signed) Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip
" E. W. King
" Samuel Stevens

The question being taken on the proposed Resolution, it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Allen were as follows

Negative Ald^{n} Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen 8

Affirmative Ald. King Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker 7

[348] The Street Committee, on the petition of George Robertson, presented a Report which was read & referred to the Law Committee.

The same Committee, on the petition that the opening of Grand Street be delayed One year, Reported:

" That they have given the subject due consideration and are decidedly of opinion that as the Common Council did determine that the widening of Grand Street should take place after the 1st of May next it would be improper now to postpone the improvement for a longer term, as most of the persons interested have made their arrangements for that time. They therefore beg leave to present the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

" Resolved that the Buildings standing on that part of Grand Street that is to be widened between Broadway and the Bowery be removed from off the Street on or before the 1st day of June next.

[349] " Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to sell at public auction on the 15th day of April next all those buildings or parts of buildings standing on Grand Street that have been awarded to the Corporation.

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for regulating and paving Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip

whereupon the several Resolutions were agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following Leases for Lots sold for non-payment of Assessments—which were directed to be duly executed: Viz:

A Lease to David S. Jones of two Lots of ground in the Ninth Ward fronting on Twenty eigth Street for 25 years from the 6th of March instant which were sold for an Assessment for opening Twenty eighth.

A Lease to David S. Jones of One Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 2d Avenue for 75 years from the 6th of March [350] instant which was sold for an Assessment for opening the Second Avenue to the Northerly side of 29th Street.

A Lease to William Dawes of Four Lots of ground in the Tenth Ward fronting on North Street for 16 years from the 6th March instant, which were sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Thomas C. Taylor of a plot of ground fronting on North Street in the 10th Ward for 59 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Brigham Howe of a Lot of ground fronting on Gold Street in the 2d Ward for 3 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for enlarging, straightening & extending Fair Street.

A Lease of a Lot of ground to Henry Ownes in the 9th Ward fronting on the Third Avenue for 15 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to Ichabod Prall of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on 28th Street for 18 years from 6th March instant [351] which was sold for an Assessment for opening 28th Street from 3d Avenue to the East River.

A Lease to Edward McGarraghan of Four Lots of ground in the 10th Ward fronting on the corner of North and Pitt Streets for 16 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Ichabod Prall of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 2d Avenue for 20 years from 6th March instant which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 2d Avenue to the Northerly side of 29th Street.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 20 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease of a Lot of ground to George and Robert Waite in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 15 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 40 years from 6th March [352] inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 20 years from 6th day of March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the Third Avenue.

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

On Motion of Alderman Munson,

" Resolved that Classon Martin be and is hereby appointed one of the Turnkeys of the City Penitentiary."

Alderman Morss presented a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the Market place between Crane Wharf and Fulton Street to proceed to assess the benefit to the property in the Neighbourhood according to the Resolution passed on the Fifth of October last.

Which Resolution being read was laid for further consideration.

[353] On motion of Alderman Munson

Resolved that the Road Committee have power to shut up the 3d Avenue from 28th Street to where it intersects the Old Boston Post Road while the same is repairing.

Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to take into consideration the subject of working the Avenues both as to the manner of working & the mode of paying the expences of the same.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Laws to consider & report as to the right of the Common Council to appoint Inspectors of Lumber.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 22d inst	4546.12	
Received for Rents	1953.56	
" " Tax of 1818—2d 5th 7th 8th Wards	6500.	
" " Common Lands	21,503.99	34,503.67

[354] Accounts Audited.

Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector One month 1st April	54.	
B. Skaats—to purchase fuel for C. Hall	100.	
Jac. Morton—Index 36th Vol. Minutes	60.	
John Gould—Carriage hire	13.	
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg Lamps One month 1st April	712.46	
Abel W. Hardenbrook—reprs. Engines and New Engine from 18 June 1817 to 25th March 1819	3440.19	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett, buildg Bulkhead at Fulton St. N. River	744.17	
Samuel Corp—award for widening Thompson Street	120.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs to pay Workmen	600.	
R. Furman—Superint. of Alms' house for work 3d Avenue	2000.	
Pres. Directors & Co Mechanics' Bank 2 bonds $8500—$13,999.02 Intert 2 mo. 29 d. @ 6 p. ct. per an. $333.74	22,832.76	30,676.58
	Balance	$3827.09

Adjourned to meet Monday next at 6 o'clock.

[355] In Common Council April 5. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingm Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calendar of persons confined in the Bridewell with the following observations thereon:

"This Calendar exhibits a total of 85 prisoners of whom there are Convicts	40
Indicted but not tried the trials having been put off by the prisoners	8
Convicted but Sentence suspended	3
[356] Cases not subject to Indictmen[t]	15

There are the following cases not acted on:

Misdemeanours	11	
Felony	8	
Whole number not disposed of	19	19
		85

It will be perceived that the offences with which the prisoners are charged are those of the minor classes: and it is not less remarkable than creditable to the Keeper that in this number of confined persons only 3 are sick."

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden
17 Mar. 1819

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

A petition of Solomon Tryon for an appointment to some office, one of Edmund Webb to be appointed a Measurer of grain and a recommendation of Joseph Sillcock for the same were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition from the Inspectors of Lumber requesting the Common Council to revise the Ordinance on subject of their compensation and to increase the same was read and referred to the [357] Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

A petition of William Tate and Abraham Gordon for relief from a penalty recovered from them for selling Beer without a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from a Committee of the New York Sunday School Union Society, stating that the Anniversary of said Society occurs on the 11th of May instant, when they propose to assemble all the children taught in the School in the open air, as no room is sufficiently spacious, and requesting permission to assemble them in the Park in front of the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on public Lands & Places with authority to make the necessary arrangements on the subject.

A Petition to open Mercer, Green and Wooster Streets to Canal Street and Hester Street to Green Street and all the Streets in the vicinity of Canal Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that that part of Bleecker Street [358] which lies between Broadway and the Bowery may be straightened so that the Easterly end may strike the Bowery opposite to First Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Haviland Weeks to erect a Stoop in Harman Street encroaching Nine Inches beyond the usual allowance was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Request from Charles Sherry in relation to a house he is about erecting No. 114 Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Matthew Rose to be permitted to sell meat on the 8th Avenue near the corner of Greenwich Lane was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Laurence Martin for a Stall in Spring Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[359] A Communication from the President of the United States to Mr. Vanderlyn who was authorised to take his portrait for the Common Council was presented stating that on account of his proposed Tour to the South he could not at present comply with the request to sit for his Portrait but would readily comply with the request on his return in the Autumn.

The Comptroller, on the account of Alpheus Sherman, Reported:

"That Alpheus Sherman Esqr. Attorney of the Corporation, has paid into the Treasury on the 2d instant the Balance of his Account from 1st May to 1st November 1818. $152.6 the same having been examined and approved by the Committee of Finance."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Grand and Broome Streets, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

[360] He also presented an Assessment for making a Turnpike Road on the Eighth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the Bloomingdale Road, and also one for making a Road on the Ninth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 28th Street—which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents in the following Assessments—Viz:

For regulating Mercer Street from Bleecker to Amity Street:

For regulating Green Street from Houston to Bleecker Street:

For regulating and paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street.

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector for collecting the same.

The Attorney, on the petition of Eales and Whistler, Reported:

"That the facts appear to be that they bought Mr. Israel Pinkney's Stock in Trade in the Grocery business at the corner of Beekman and William Streets, and without [361] taking out any licence in their own names proceeded to retail liquor under the Licences of the said Israel Pinkney. It appears that they are Strangers in the City and state that they were not aware of the necessity of having the licences transferred or renewed but believed they could sell under the Licences of the said Israel Pinkney which he had purchased."

(signed) A. Sherman
Attorney.

Whereupon the fine was remitted on payment of costs.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances: which were passed

1	Mrs. Hopper	Own.	84	Church St.	a Privy
	H. Shatzel	Occ.			
2	Henry White	Own.	21	Broadway	do.
	A. White	Agt.			
	Mrs. S. Gallop	Occ.			
3	Wm L. Lippencot	Own.	27	Whitehall	do.
	L. Willis	Occ.			
4	J. W. Duryee	Own.	78	Rivington St.	do
	N. Pratt	Occ.			
5	William Clark	Own.	80	do	do
	Jas. Bartow	Occ.			
6	[362] J. Seeley	Own.	12	Doyer St.	do
	Wm B. B. Young	Occ.			
7	David Munson	Own.	13	do	do
	do.	Occ.			
8	J. Wright	Own.	5	Vandewater St.	do
	P. McCartee	Agt.			
	A. J. Adriance	Occ.			
9	John Corse	Own.	7	do	do
	do	Occ.			
10	E. Archer	Own.	8	do	do
	Mr. White	Occ.			
11	Thos. Hays	Own.	9	do	do
	do	Occ.			

12	Peter Amerman	Own.	11	Vandewater St.	a Privy
	D. Lynch, Mrs. Lynch Mrs. Walsh & Sweeney	Occ.			
13	James Ennis	Own.	20	do	do
	Peter Dinan	Occ.			
14	Sarah Burchel	Own.	34	do	do
	do.	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Whereupon said Ordinances were passed.

[363] The Counsel presented for execution the following Leases which were directed to be duly executed excepting that to Philip Earl which was referred to the Ferry Committee:

A Lease to James Lowerre of the Slip at the foot of Canal Street

A Lease to the Fulton Steam Boat Company of the Easterly side of the pier on the Westerly side of Beekman Slip:

A Draught of a Lease to Philip Earl of the Weehawk Ferry:

A Lease of the Wharves, Piers & Slips to Isaac Brown.

Also the following Leases of Lots sold for nonpayment of Assessments—Viz

A Lease to Andrew Seaman of 2 Lots fronting on 28th Street in the 9th Ward for 30 years from 6th March 1819

A Lease to James Chesterman of a Lot fronting on the 3d Avenue in the 9th Ward for 50 years from 6th March 1819

A Lease to Samuel Kip of a Lot fronting on the 3d Avenue in the 9th Ward for 15 years from 6th March 1819.

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel

[364] The Counsel also presented a Report upon the Resolutions which had been referred to him respecting the Lots of Cornelius Harsin, which was read and laid for consideration: And it was Resolved that the filling in of said Lot be suspended until the further order of the Board and that the Street Commissioner report by whose directions the said filling in has been undertaken.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Complaint in relation to the Inspectors of Manure, reported:

" That it is true, as stated in the petition, that the loads of Manure inspected for many years past have been shamefully deficient in quantity. The Inspectors have made to your Committee no sufficient apology for this violation of the Law and their duty.

The quantity of Manure given for a Load having been, for some years, regularly the same, tho' less than the quantity allowed by law, your Committee do not, therefore, think that the petitioners have been defrauded as stated in their petition.

[365] In relation however to the conduct of the Inspectors your Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Inspectors of Manure have grossly neglected their duty in not giving the measure directed by the Corporation Ordinance and in not requiring the Boxes of the Carts to conform to the Law, and that the City Inspector furnish them copies of this Report and Resolution."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Peter and George Lorillard, Reported:

" That the petitioners hold the Lease of Four Lots fronting on Tryon Row as stated in their petition, that the lease of three of said lots expires on the 1st day of May 1830 and may be renewed at an appraised rent, but that the lease of one of the lots forming the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row expires on the 1st day of May 1826 and contains no provision for renewal, which is the principal obstacle to the improvement [366] contemplated by the petitioners. The Committee are decidedly of opinion that it is inexpedient to sell the Lots alluded to, but that the object of the petitioners may be effected by improving the property to advantage they propose the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to grant a new Lease to Peter and George Lorillard for the Lot No. 29 at the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row for a term of years to expire on the 1st day of May 1830 and at a rent One hundred and fifty dollars per annum and that said Lease be subject to renewal on the usual conditions—Provided that the present Lease for said Lot be cancelled and the said Lorillards concur in the proposition herein contained on or before the fifteenth instant."

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier.

Whereupon said Report was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[367] The same Committee, on petition of Peter Jay Munro and others, Reported

"That altho' in the subdivision of said Lots the proprietors propose reserving to the Corporation the amount of rent originally stipulated still in the opinion of your Committee the plan presents difficulties not easily obviated. The Deeds of conveyance to the purchasers designate the boundaries and dimensions of each lot agreeably to a Map made of the property at the time of sale and the claim of the Corporation must rest and be made on the identical Lot designated by the Deed, but according to the arrangement of the petitioners both the dimensions & boundaries of the Lots are altered—Lots K—L—M—instead of containing 26 feet front and rear and made to contain but 23 feet—L therefore contains a part of K, M a part of L and so on: besides, some, if not all of the Lots referred to have been sold by the original purchasers and the property vested in others who are now the petitioners for a subdivision which certainly does not lessen the difficulties anticipated by the Committee. On the [368] whole the Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners and the only alternative they feel it their duty to offer is the privilege of commuting for the rent reserved to the Corporation and they propose the following Resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the owners of Eight Lots of ground situated on the Northerly side of White Street, designated on the Map by the Letters K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, Y—on which is reserved by the Corporation a quit rent of a certain number of Bushels of Wheat, be permitted to commute for the same by paying such sum of money as will produce an annual amount of interest, at the rate of Six per cent, equal to the value of the quantity of Wheat reserved, estimated at Two dollars and fifty cents per bushel—provided that the privilege hereby granted shall be acceded to on or before the 1st day of May next."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[369] The Committee on Laws and Ordinances who were instructed to enquire if the Officers of the Board have complied with the Resolutions of the Board in relation to their several Offices, presented a Resolution in part which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on public Lands and places, to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants residing near the Bowling Green Reported:

"That the petitioners have it in contemplation to circulate a subscription among the neighbours residing near the Bowling Green for the annual payment of a sum as may by them be agreed on for the purpose of defraying the expence of improving and ornamenting the Bowling Green by planting Trees, Shrubbery &c. and keeping the same in order, on condition that the Corporation in consideration thereof will permit the said Subscribers to occupy the Bowling Green as a place of recreation for their families. Now your Committee perceive no objection to granting the request of said petitioners, especially as the public will notwithstanding enjoy every advantage they do at present and [370] will moreover be gratified by seeing the Bowling Green in a highly cultivated state. They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

Resolved that the neighbours residing near the Bowling Green who may enter into an agreement to raise money by annual contribution for the purpose of improving by planting Trees and Shrubbery in the Bowling Green shall be permitted to occupy the same as a place of recreation for themselves and families."

(signed) Peter Mesier
" Eff^{m} Schieffelin
" Jacob B. Taylor
" Robert M^{c}Queen

It was moved to add thereto 'during the pleasure of the Corpora-'tion and under the control of the Committee on public Lands and 'places' The question being taken on the amendment it was agreed to. The question was then taken on the Report as amended and it passed in the Negative.

It was then moved that it be referred to the Committee on public Lands and Places to make such ornamental improvements at the Bowling [371] Green as they shall consider proper and expedient. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Resolution was presented directing Washington Street to be regulated from Canal Street to Spring Street, which was referred to the Street Committee with authority to report an Ordinance therefor.

Alderman Mesier presented the following:

Resolved that a Committee be appointed with full powers to remove all obstructions, and especially fish poles, from all the waters within the jurisdiction of this City and that this Board will indemnify them in whatever they shall do under this Resolution and for all costs and expences they may incur in the premises, and that the Committee endeavor to discover the names of those who offend against the statute of the State in this subject and report them to the Attorney of the Corporation who is hereby instructed to prosecute for the penalties."

A motion was made to postpone the consideration thereof until the 2d Monday in May next. The question being taken thereon it was [372] carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Mesier were as follow:

Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldermen Morss McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 29th of March	3827.09	
Received for Tax of 1818—Eighth Ward	500.	
" Penalties	152.06	
" Streets	276.29	4755.44

[373] Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch First District	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark Watch Second District	707.	
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d District	413.	
Wm J. Waldron—Assist City Inspr. One month 1st instant.	54.	
Obadiah Ayres—Assist City Inspector One month 1st instant	54.	
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspector One month 1st instant	54.	
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers One month 1st instant	60.	
Danl. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field One month 1st instant	46.50	
A. Spooner—6 months subscripn to Columbian 1st instant	75.	
John L. Lawrence—Costs of Suit Corporation vs. P. P. Van Zandt	40.27	
F. B. Winthrop—Treasr City Dispens'y—balance for Vaccine Department for year ending 16th March	300.	
[374] Jno. McComb—St. Commissioner—for earth at Charlton St. Basin	500.	
Abisha Smith—on account—curbing Washington Street from Le Roy to Hammond St	200.	
Thomas Barnum—Suptdg Wharves—24 days to 4th instant.	48.	
John Randel Jr. on account—maps of 9th Ward	363.50	4058.02
	Balance	$697.42

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 o'clock.

[375] In Common Council April 12. 1819

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition that Walker Street be paved between Broadway and Elm Street was read and referred to the Street Committee who immediately reported an Ordinance therefor, which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

A petition that Second Street may be opened [376] from the Bowery to Avenue 'C.' was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from sundry owners and lessees in Grand Street remonstrating against the contemplated improvement of widening said Street between Broadway and the Bowery was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition.

An Invitation from the Trustees of the African Free School to the Members of the Common Council to attend on the 13th instant the annual examination of the Scholars of that Institution was presented and accepted.

A petition of the Society of United Christian Friends for permission to extend the vaults of their Burying ground corner of Duane and Augustus Streets a few feet under the Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that Beach Street may be regulated and paved from Varick to Chapel Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[377] An Application from John Ireland to be permitted to construct a Vault in front of No. 124 Duane Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

Mr. Stevens stated that a petition for regulating Front Street from Peck Slip to Crane Wharf had been given but was at the present moment mislaid—He therefore moved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee with power to present an Ordinance if in their opinion expedient—which was agreed to.

A petition was then read from Peter Schermerhorn Esqr. remonstrating against regulating said Street between Peck and Fulton Slips until the opening of Beekman Street &c. shall render it necessary, which was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Jackson & Baggot praying further remuneration than that allowed by the Commissioners of Estimate for damages incurred in widening Grand Street was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition

A petition was received from John Fink, stating [378] that the Corporation had at his solicitation granted to his Son John L. Fink Stall No. 1 Washington Market: that said John L. Fink is unadvisedly endeavouring to dispose of said Stall: that the sole dependance of said John L. Fink for support is on petitioner and praying that said Stall may be given to petitioner to enable him the better to provide for his said son—Which being read was referred to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Washington Street from Canal to Spring Street which was passed and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Vestry Street and for paving side walks in Franklin Street—whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector to collect the same.

He also, agreeably to order, in relation to the filling of Cornelius Harsin's Lot, Reported:

" That on the 22d May 1815 an Ordinance [379] was passed directing the building of a Bulkhead from Ritter's Wharf to Webb's Wharf on the westerly line of West Street and to fill in the vacant space to the height of the Bulkhead from Washington Street to the Bulkhead.

The building of the Bulkhead was completed the same year: the filling in progressed slowly on the part of Mr. Astor & the Corporation and not at all on the part of Mr. Harsin (who was duly notified for that purpose.)

On the 6th of October 1817 an Ordinance was passed directing the regulating Charlton Street from Greenwich Street to West Street that part of said Street between Greenwich Street and Washington

Street was filled in by Messrs. Board & Anderson the proprietors of the Lots on the one side and John P. Ritter on the other. The Street commissioner in compliance with the several Resolutions of the Board passed 14th July and 8th September 1817 proceeded to fill the Block belonging to the Corporation between Washington & West Streets and King and Charlton Streets. The filling has been progressing to the present time and until the Block has been nearly filled, insomuch that the cave of solid earth has partly filled Charlton Street [380] and the soft earth and Mud from the bottom driven on to the westerly part of the Street and the water lot of Mr. Harsin's to the amount of $1000 to 1500 dollars."

(signed) John McComb
St. Commr

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented draughts of the following Deeds which were directed to be duly executed:

A Deed to Caleb C. Tunis of Lot No. 10 at the Albany Basin.

A Deed to Philip Hone of Lot No. 10 of the lots sold by the Corporation between Dey and Fulton Streets

A Deed to William H. Ireland of Lot No. 5 of the same Lots. This Lot was purchased by Philip Hone and Assigned by him to Mr. Ireland."

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

1	Peter Laing & S. Mollan Executors to Estate of late Quinton Miller		Thompson St.	a Lot
2	[381] Chs. Dickinson, Agt. to estate of Isaac Clason, decd		Willet c Sheriff St.	do
3.	Hannah Brown Own or Agt. to estate of Adam Brown decd		Willet c. Delancey	do
4	Miss C. Duane A. Pell	Own. Agt.	Mott St.	do
5	Widow Franklin G. Ferris	Own. Agt.	do	do
6	Jno. Gardner	Own.	Orange St.	do
7	Wm Bayard	Own.	Do	do
8	Do	Do	Do	do
9	Do	Do	Do	do

10	G. Byrne	Own.	Dikeman Occup^{t} Pump & Mott St^{s}	A Privy
11	G. B. Thorpe, J. B. Thorpe,	Own. Ag^{t}	Thos Duplex Occup^{t} N^{o} 14 Thames S^{t}	D^{o}
12	T. Suffren Noah Pratt	Own Occup^{t}	78 Rivington S^{t}	D^{o}
13	T. Suffren Th^{s} Bartow	Own Occup^{t}	80 Rivington S^{t}	D^{o}
14	Roger Strong N. Lawrence,	Own Occup^{t}	15 Harrison S^{t}	D^{o}
15	Roger Strong Solomon Levy	Own Occup^{t}	17 Harrison S^{t}	D^{o}

Signed George Cuming
City Inspector

[382] The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Hudson Street from Beach to Vestry Street, Reported:

"That in their opinion Hudson Street ought to be paved from Beach S^{t} to Canal S^{t}—Therefore beg leave to present the following resolution—Resolved, that Hudson Street be paved from the present pavement at Beach Street to the Southerly side of Canal Street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which Resolution was agreed to and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Ab^{m} Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The same Committee on the Petition for repaving the Bowery, Reported:

"That so much thereof as respects the repaving the Bowery from Chatham [383] Square to Grand Street ought to be carried into effect, and side-walks from Grand to Broome Street be widened, and offer the following Resolution thereon

Resolved, that the Bowery be repaved from Chatham Square to Grand Street—and that the side walks be widened from thence to Broome Street.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the subject respecting the Fence at Duane S^t Park, reported:

"That they have examined the situation and condition of said Fence, and are of opinion that it ought to be removed back—Therefore present the following Resolution: Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to have the Fence of the Park in Duane St. removed back so as to correspond with the Westerly side of Hudson Street, and [384] that the other part of the fence be repaired.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition for Regulating M^{c}Dougall and Sullivan Streets, Reported:

That they have examined the situation of M^{c}Dougal & Sullivan Streets, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: Therefore present the following Resolution—Resolved that Macdougal Street and Sullivan Street be regulated from Bleecker Street to John Irelands Line, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the [385] Resolution agreed to. The Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance for regulating M^{c}Dougal Street from Bleecker Street to John Ireland's line and an Ordinance for regulating Sullivan Street between Bleecker Street and John Ireland's line which were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Ab^m Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The same Committee on the Petition for widening Washington Street, Reported:

That they have given the subject due consideration and [are] decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore beg leave to present the following resolutions

Resolved that Washington Street between Warren and Chamber Street, be widened to Sixty feet, so as to correspond with the West line below Warren Street and also above Chamber Street

Resolved that the Council to the Corporation be instructed to take the necessary measures for carrying said improvement into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

[386] Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition to open certain Streets in the Vicinity of Canal Street, Reported:

That the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted—and therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved—That all those parts of Mercer, Green, Wooster and Thompson Streets, that have not already been opened, be opened and continued to Canal Street, and that Hester Street be opened to Green Street—Resolved that the Council to this board be instructed to take the necessary measures to have the provisions of the foregoing Resolution carried into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee to whom was [387] referred the accounts of the former and present Public Administrator, Reported:

" That they have examined said accounts, and find the amount of ballances correctly, and they have no doubt justly, stated—and propose the following Resolution—Resolved, that the accounts of the former and present Public Administrators herewith presented, be filed in the Office of the Comptroler.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 4

John E. Dunham—Tailor—N° 79 Fulton S^{t} vice Henry W. Sheldon Res^{d}

Fire Engine Company Nº 23

Wᵐ S. Clark—Book-binder, corner Hester and Ludlow Street, vice Elisha Haight resᵈ

[388] Fire Engine Company Nº 39

John L. Clark—Accountant—98 William Street vice Henry B. Sickels resigned

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip ferry praying for some further accomodation for his Ferry Boats at Brooklyn, Reported:

"That during the last winter an arrangement was made with the Petitioner to extend his lease in consideration that he would place a Second Team boat on that Ferry by the first day of April instant which has been complied with on his part—Your Committee have examined the Ferry Slip at Brooklyn and find that in it's present situation it is only calculated to accomodate one boat at a time, and as it is necessary that both boats should be laid up there during the night time on account of the convenience of Stabling, your Committee deem it indispensably necessary that a suitable landing place for the second boat on that side should be [389] constructed without delay for which purpose your Committee have caused soundings of the River to be taken and a plan of the proposed improvement to be made and which is herewith submitted, the expense of which may be estimated at Four thousand Dollars. It is due to the Petitioner to state that he has been Lessee of this Ferry for more than Eleven Years, that he has been indefatigable in his endeavours to accomodate the public and during the whole time, it is not within the recollection of your Committee that the Corporation have expended One Cent towards any improvement of that Ferry, but the Petitioner has hitherto made all necessary improvements at his own individual expense. In the year 1811 he expended Five Hundred dollars for a bulkhead and Ferry Stairs at Brooklyn—In the year 1813—he expended the sum of Two thousand dollars for a pier at the same place—In 1816, the further sum of Nine hundred dollars for extending that Pier—in the same Year he assumed to pay the further sum of Four thousand five hundred Dollars for one [390] third part of the Westerly pier at Catharine Slip being the proportion which otherwise would have been borne by the Corporation—that latter sum however was advanced by the Corporation on his bond payable by installments with interest on which he has paid Twelve hundred and two dollars and twenty five cents leaving the sum of Three thousand three hundred and ninety seven Dollars and Seventy five cents due for principal which together with the arrears of interest of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars makes a total of Four thousand and forty seven dollars and Seventy five cents still due from him on that bond—This sum your Committee recommend to be applied to defray the expense of the proposed improvement and such other accomodations as that Ferry may immediately require: It will be perceived that the plan offered by your Committee is to sink a Pier at the distance of about Thirty feet to the Eastward of the present pier extending out One hundred feet into [391] the River and as this will face the Slip it will be proper for the Corporation to be in possession of so much of it as shall be necessary for the purpose of a Slip or landing place for the ferry after the Lessees term shall have expired—Your Committee therefore recommend that a cession be taken from the Petitioner of all his interest and right to the outer end and Slip side of that pier as soon as it shall have been completed—and for the purpose of carrying the foregoing plan into effect—your Committee beg leave to offer the subjoined Resolution

" Whereas Rodman Bown Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry is indebted to this Corporation in the sum of Four thousand and forty seven dollars and seventy five cents for principal and interest on his bond and this Corporation being willing to erect a Convenient pier or landing place and to make other necessary accomodations for that Ferry at Brooklyn

Therefore Resolved that the said Rodman Bown be permitted to expend that sum in the construction of such improvements, which shall go in discharge of the [392] said bond—Provided such improvements be made under the direction of the Street Commissioner—and provided also that the Said Rodman Bown shall cede to this Corporation all his right to the outer end and Slip side of such pier as soon as the same shall have been completed.

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Report of the Law Committee presented last meeting was called up and being read was in the words following:

That by Ordinance the Attorney to this Board is obliged once in every month to make a written Report to the Comptroller of every suit prosecuted by him under any Ordinance together with the sum of Money, if any, recovered thereon; and the part, if any, paid to the informer; and lodge the Chamber- [393] lains receipt for the balance with the said monthly Report

On enquiring your Committee find that this Section of the Ordinance has never been complied with in any particular—Your Committee think the provisions in this section important in every respect. The report to the Comptroller would be an important document, containing facts upon which the board might found many salutary Laws: It would enable the Members to test our Ordinances by experience and practice. This Branch of the section is important in another view. The Members of the Board having access to the Report, while the grievances complained of in their respective wards were fresh on their memory, they could trace the courses pursued in each case and detect imposition or connivance.

The People at large also having a right to inspect these reports and knowing they were made monthly, would discover and represent to the board all irregularities.

The importance of these checks upon [394] our chief executive Officer is evident from the many unfounded reports in circulation concerning him.

To collect fines and penalties from the public is at best an unpleasant duty; Your Committee therefore think it the more necessary for this Board to adopt every possible means to convince the public that they are not only necessary, but that they are collected fairly and impartially.

The latter branch of the section directing the Attorney to pay over to, and lodge the receipt of the Chamberlain for the Amount so reported, with the Comptroller is important—because then the Attorney would necessarily submit his Accounts to the Board for examination, who would pass a warrant for what was thought his due; Whereas by the present practise he is always paid by monies retained in his hands when his accounts are submitted for examination and frequently before the services are performed. Indepen- [395] dent of the common truth, that he is a bad pay-master who pays before hand, Your Committee, can see no good reason why the poor fund should lose six months interest on monies collected for it's use.

In examining the accounts of the Attorney for the last six months your Committee find that in all suits for Five Dollars and under, he has charged a fee of Two Dollars; And for all Penalties over Five Dollars a fee of Five dollars is charged.

These charges would be about a fair compensation if an Attorney were applied to in a single case; but where the number of cases reported by the Attorney for six months amounts to several hundred (the fees on which amount to between seventeen and eighteen hundred Dollars) besides the cases admitted by him to have been dismissed on payment of costs, and not reported amounting to a great number, Your Committee cannot but think the fees extravagant.

In justification of the present Attorney in this particular, your Committee think it necessary to say that he has followed the bills and charges made out by his predecessor [396] D. S. Jones Esq^{re}—But on examining the last bill reported by M^{r} Jones your Committee find that the whole charges made by him for Three Months services as Attorney amount only to forty eight Dollars although the charges are the same as made by the present incumbent. Then the suits brought did not exceed fifteen or twenty in three months but now they will Amount to at least Two Hundred. Your Committee have also examined the minutes of the Board for the resolution authorising the charges as made by the Attorney, and altho' the search has been made with care by the Clerk at the instance of the Committee, no other minute can be found on the subject than a Report of a Committee directing that the sum of Two Dollars shall be allowed the Attorney in all cases under twenty five dollars except in cases under the Charter for selling Liquor, where five Dollars is allowed and the same sum in all cases above Twenty five Dollars.

Your Committee have accordingly [397] subjoined a resolution to reduce the fees, but considering the precedent as having been established before the present incumbent came into office they have not thought proper to present a resolution to cause the surplus fees or amount to be refunded. In a former part of this report the practice of settling and dismissing suits and complaints by the Attorney is incidentally mentioned. Your Committee thought the investigation of this subject highly important to the honor and dignity of the board and of the party concerned. They accordingly examined it with great care, and attention and feel it a duty they owe themselves and the Attorney to state that in no instance could they find that he had received fines or penalties as a compromise although they examined upwards of one hundred supposed cases—They therefore beleive such reports to be without foundation, very probably arising from the circumstance of so many fines being collected. But while the Committee acquit him with justice in this respect they must condemn as impolitic and as an assumption of the rights of this [398] board, the very common practice of dismissing suits and offenders on payment of costs and that too in repeated offences by the same person—No resolution or authority granting this power can be found. Your Committee therefore are not aware that the board ever vested in a merely executive officer the right of dispensing Charity—How or when this practice first originated cannot now be ascertained; but your Committee are fully of opinion that it is an improper indulgence to be exercised by an officer—The board alone as the representative of the people and the responsible guardians of their morals have a right of enacting Laws and inflicting penalties; but if an officer has the right of dispensing with the penalties, he certainly has, as far as the right of dispensing is exercised, a right of abrogating those Laws and of superceding the power of the whole body of representatives.

The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

Resolved That in addition [399] to the Monthly Report directed by ordinance to be made by the Attorney. That he also report to the Comptroller on the first day in each month after the month of May next all sums of money received by him as Attorney to this board; Whether fines or penalties have been received or not, and whether received as fees or otherwise

Resolved that the fees to which the Attorney of this Board shall be entitled from and after the first day of May next shall be as follows—For all penalties in actions the amount of which does not exceed Fifteen Dollars the sum of Two Dollars and fifty cents, and for all sums exceeding Fifteen Dollars the sum of Five Dollars and no more.

Resolved that the Attorney be instructed not to discontinue any suit commenced for or on behalf of this Board without an express order therefor: And also that he be instructed to prosecute all offenders whenever in his opinion the evidence is sufficient to sustain the action except in cases of particular hardship in which case he shall report the [400] same to the Board with a statement of facts requesting instruction thereon. And in case that at the next succeeding meeting of the board no instructions shall be given, he shall prosecute the same without delay.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to.

The Report of the Finance Committee of the 29th of March instant on the Petition of Cornelius Harsin which had been refered to the Counsel and and the report of the Counsel thereon of the 5th April instant were called up and read, and the Resolutions proposed by the Committee were considered, amended and agreed to—The Reports and Resolutions as amended were as follows

"That Mr Harsin received a grant dated the 31st day of July 1815 for the property alluded to, being 29 feet on [401] Washington Street and extending to the perminant Line in the Hudson River. That he petitioned the Board in December last praying to be permitted to reconvey to the Corporation said Grant, on their paying him the amount expended for improvements, which he stated at more than 2000. Dollars. That the said petition was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, who reported on the 2d day of November following in favour of a cession of the grant; and as a remuneration for the improvements, That a Bond be executed in favour of Harsen for 1000 Dollars payable in one year without interest, which report was adopted. It is this arrangement which he wishes to relinquish, and in lieu thereof, to substitute the one proposed in his Petition.

The Committee cannot perceive any material objection to the proposition of Mr Harsen, except that it may be brought forward as a precedent for similar applications whenever grants from this board may prove unproductive; or [402] the convenience of the applicant be affected by an ordinance to improve his property. The Committee must admit however, that the permission already given Mr Harsen to cede his grant has established the precedent, and as they are satisfied no possible loss to the public can be sustained by the proposed arrangement, and as the adjoining property belongs to the Corporation, which they are now filling, and therefore will be put to no inconvenience by entering into new contracts; and, as the improvement of that part of the City will be facilitated by the operation, they propose the following resolutions

Resolved, that the Counsel be authorised to receive from Cornelius Harsen a Bond and a Mortgage for ground under water granted him by the Corporation on the 31st day of July 1815—together with his Deed for Two Lotts adjoining said grant, as designated by the plan hereunto annexed marked A—And that the Counsel make the necessary searches as to title at the [403] expense of said Harsen.

Resolved, that on the Bond and Mortgage being executed for said property, the Street Commissioner be authorised to compleat the filling and regulating of the same; and that a just and true account be kept by him of the amount expended for filling and regulating.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

The Report of the Counsel was as follows

" That he has duly considered the subject referred to him and is of opinion that the estate with which the Corporation would be invested by these resolutions, being carried into effect would be an estate in fee simple, and of course that there would be no legal impediment in the way of disposing of the same at the pleasure of the Corporation.

(signed) Ogden Edwards

A member stating that business requiring secresy would be communicated the Galleries [404] were cleared and the Doors closed.*

The Doors were again opened, and this being the Period for the Appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Anniversary State and Charter Election the Board proceeded to that duty when the following persons were nominated and chosen.

1st Ward
Isaac Pierson
Edmund Smith
Peter W. Radcliff

2nd Ward
Wm W. Todd
Willet Seaman
Joseph Riley

3rd Ward
Isaac Graham
Daniel D. Smith
Andrew S. Norwood

4th Ward
David Bryson
John Brown
Robert Brown

5th Ward
Benjamin Romaine
James D. Westervelt
John Mason

6th Ward
Richard L. Walker
Wm Coulthard
Wm Al Burtis

7th Ward
Benjamin Prince
Abraham Dally
[405] David Brooks

8th Ward
Saml M. Thompson
Gilbert Coutant
Jacob Aimes

9th Ward
Jacobus Dyckman
Gerard DePeyster
Oliver Hibbert

10th Ward
David Seaman
John Fream
Jeremiah Lounsberry

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* An insertion in pencil reads—*Information that Brown Contractor for Docks & Slips cd not give of security required—Refd to Fin. Com. to lease to the best advantage.*—ED.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring Street be regulated and paved and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an Ordinance to carry the same into effect.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury on the 5th inst	697.42	
Received for Rents	2282.72	
" for Tax of 1818. 2d-3d-4-5-6-8-9-10th Wards	21.722.	
" Common Lands	1151.34	
" Streets	600.	
" Wells & Pumps	167.	
" Interest	1000.32	27.620.80

[406] Accounts Audited.

R. Graves Assistant Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 1st February	375.	
Chas Irish, a Gold Snuff box for freedom of the City to General Jackson	275.	
Geo. Platt—repairs & work mud Machine 6 March to 10th Instant	248.51	
Geo. Buckmaster repairs to Do	135.09	
Ogden Edwards drafting Laws &c	195.74	
J. Morton, Index 35th Vol. Minutes, hack hire &c	65.	
Lewis & Hall 6 Mo subscription Commercial Advertiser 1 Inst	75.	
Nathan Comstock 1 Cask Oil	122.12	
Chas Mooney on Acct regulating Collect Street	500.	
Jas Pinkerton bala. paving Orange St. fr. Hester to Grand St.	137.37	
Hugh Smith repaving in Cherry Street	134.28	
John Sloan regulating Wooster St	100.	
Jas Pinkerton balance repaving Skinner Street	31.81	
[407] Dederick Grim—balance for a Well in Orange Street	75.	
Dederick Grim—digging a well in Essex Street	63.75	
J. McComb, Street Commissr on Account repairing Roads	500.	
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	5000.	
Prest —Directors & Co Mechanics Bank—Bond Oct. 1. 1818—$8000. Interest 3 Months 12 dys @ 6 per cent per Annum $136	8136.	
		16.169.67
	Balance	$11.451.13

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 oClock.

[408] In Common Council April 19th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, President
Peter Augustus Jay Esqre Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anthony L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Wm F Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P .Anthony
Robt McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Peter Augustus Jay Esqr presented a Commission from the Hon. the Council of Appointment dated 6th of April inst appointing him Recorder of the City of New York which was read and Mr Jay took the several oaths prescribed by Charter and the Laws which [409] were administered by his Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council and he took his seat as a member of the Board.

The following Resignations from Persons lately appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and the following were appointed in their place.

1st Ward

Peter W. Radcliff resd Tunis Quirk appd

4th Ward

Robert Brown resd Joel Post appd
John Brown resd Robert Dodge appd

5th Ward

John Mason resd Moses Coddington appd

8th Ward

Saml M. Thompson resd Stuart F. Randolph, appd

His Honor the Mayor laid before the board a certified Copy of a Law passed at the last session of the Legislature on the 13th April 1819—entitled an Act relative to Harman Street authorising the Corporation to suspend extending and enlarging said Street and to order [410] all the proceedings in relation to extending and enlarging the same to be vacated and annulled—Whereupon it was referred to the following committee to enquire into the circumstances in relation to the Assessment and other matters respecting the opening of said Street and to report thereon to the Board—The Committee appointed were Aldermen W^{m} F. V^{n} Amringe John Morss George Buckmaster

A Petition of Anthony Dey for permission to construct a Vault at the corner of Nassau & Cedar Streets extending into the said two Streets with a permission also to vary the opening into s^{d} Vaults from the mode prescribed by the Ordinance in that respect was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner—to Report.

A Petition of Balthazar P. Melick in behalf of himself and the Inhabitants [411] in the vicinity of Spring Street, praying that the right of ferrying from that part of the City between Desbrosses and Christopher Streets across the Hudson to Weehawk or elsewhere may be granted to them for the term of Twenty one Years—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, and the Alderman and Assistant of 8th Ward.

A Petition of Lewis Hartman for permission to occupy a part of the foot walk for the purpose of a Cistern to be constructed of durable materials—was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner, with authority, if in their opinion expedient, to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Letter from the Rev^{d} John Stanford on the subject of children and youth confined in the Penitentiary, stating that at their liberation they are left to the wide world without a friend to protect or advise them and recommending as a salutary measure that authority might be vested in the [412] commissioners of the Alms House to bind them out as in the case of Paupers—was read and referred to the Alms hous Committee.

And it was resolved that the Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom a communication of M^{r} Sandford of a concise Catechism for the use of the Children of the Alms house—was referred—be requested to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition from Thomas Dennison for relief from a Personal Tax assessed on him, and a Petition of a similar nature from Joseph L. Hayes—were read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Robert Ainslee addressed to Alderman Buckmaster as chairman of the Committee on the regulation of Greenwich Village was presented by him, and read. It's object was to urge as expeditiously as possible the construction of the Canal through Carmine Street to the North- [413] River—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the regulation of Greenwich Village.

A Petition of Charles Udall, a measurer of Grain appointed by the Corporation of this City was received stating—that he was called upon to measure a quantity of Grain lying in a Vessel at Brooklyn on the Long Island shore, below Low water mark

That he understood the Jurisdiction of the City extended to high water mark on said shore and therefore he was in the lawful exercise of his commission—That notwithstanding he was prosecuted by the Corporation of Brooklyn as acting without a Commission from them within their Jurisdiction, and was fined and comp[e]lled to pay the sum of Twenty five dollars; and praying relief—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company Nº 28

[414] John Craft—Carpenter—McDougal Street Vice Gilbert Brundage resigned

Isaac Craft—Blacksmith—Vandam Street Vice James Sands resigned

Thomas Blair—Grocer, corner Rivington and Ludlow Streets—vice Wm Gillmear—resd

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating North Street from Second Avenue to Willett Street which was confirmed and John G. Betts was appointed Collector. He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Arundle Street near Delancy Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed: Viz—for paving Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors. For repaving the Bowery from Chatham Square to Grand Street and for widening the [415] sidewalks between Grand and Broome Street, and the same Assessors were appointed: for regulating & paving Greenwich Street from the South side of Watts Street to Spring Street—and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following communication:

" The Street Commissioner is sorry to inform the Common Council that not only the Public Roads and Bridges have suffered severely by the late heavy rain, but that about 150 feet of the Bulkhead of the Battery, North of the Bridge has been completely demolished by that Storm—besides a considerable quantity of Earth is washed away, and requires immediate attention, in order to prevent further encroachments. He would therefore respectfully recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised to procure a sufficient quantity of Rough Stone to line the breach lately made; and also more effectually to secure some other parts of the Bulkhead that is in great [416] danger of being destroyed.

Which is respectfully submitted
(signed) Jn° McComb—Street Comnr

Whereupon the same was referred to the Battery Committee with authority to make the repairs recommended.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed:

1.	M. Lewis,	Owner	Jn° Gillelan, occupt 42 Maiden lane	A Privy
	N. Jarvis,	Agent		
2.	J. Little,	owner	20 John Street	D°
	Hy C. Rosseter,	occupt		
3	G. Janeway, Agt to the Estate of P. P. Van Zandz		72 Chambers Street	D°
	Jas H. Maxwell,	Occupt		
4.	Sl Borden,	Owner	136 Pump Street	D°
	G. Goldon,	Occupant		
5	Sl Borden,	Own	104 Orange Street	D°
	F. Camorden,	Agent		
	Jh Thompson,	Occupt		
6	Peter Schermerhorn,	Owner,	51 & 53 Orange St	a Lot
7	John Mowatt, Jr,	Own,	Crosby Street	D°
8	Wm & G. Post	Owners,	Crosby Street	D°
9	Geo. Suckley	Owner	Lawrence Street	D°
	Ths Starr,	Occupt		
10.	[417] Geo. Suckley,	Owner	D°	D°

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented the following:

"The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Lease of the Wharves and Slips for the approaching year to Edward Hitchcock.

Also Deeds to Nathaniel and Harvey Weed, and to Benjamin Bailey of two lots of Ground at the Albany Basin. These Lots were purchased at the Public sale by the Messrs Weeds and Mr Turner. Mr Turner having sold his interest to Mr Bailey requests that the Deed may be made out in his name. The Lots have been subdivided by the present owners and the Deeds are made out in conformity to their subdivision.

The Counsel also submits for the acceptance of the Board a Deed from Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker, Catharine De Peyster, John Beekman & wife, W^{m} B. Crosby & wife and Timothy Hedges and wife of so much of their ground (with the exception of a few Lots) as may be necessary to widen [418] the Streets in front of their property to Sixty feet.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be executed and the Conveyances to be accepted.

The Counsel was also requested to lay before the Board, at the next meeting such of the Conveyances from the Owners of Ground and Property to be taken for a Public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip as were executed.

Alderman King from the Ferry Committee stated to the Board that the Ferry house at Hoorn's Hook was greatly out of repair—Whereupon it was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to make under direction of the Ferry Committee such repairs as were necessary.

The Committee on Applications on the [419] Petition of J. V. D. B. Vandoren—Reported as follows:

" The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the Petition of J. V. D. B. Vandoren for Guager have made the necessary inquiry and do Report in favor of the Petitioner being appointed to that Office, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that J. V. D. B. Vandoren, the within Petitioner be, and is hereby appointed a Guager for the City and County of New York.

(signed) D. Board
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Laws on the right of the Corporation to appoint Inspectors of Lumber, Reported:

That by the general terms used in the Charter granting power to the Corporation to regulate all trades and handicrafts carried on in the City, your Committee have no doubt but that the regulation ot the [420] lumber business or calling may be included. In another part of the Charter it is also granted to the Corporation to appoint Surveyors of flour &c, "and all other Commodities," and also to make any bye laws for the government of the inhabitants not inconsistent with the Laws of the Assembly, from which your Committee conclude that the right of appointing Inspectors as well as Measurers of Lumber is certainly vested in the Board. It remains however to ascertain whether the right given by the Charter has not been superceded or abrogated by the Act entitled "an Act for the Inspection of lumber" passed March 27, 1807.—By this Act the Council of Appointment are directed to appoint inspectors of Lumber for the City of New York; but by a fair construction to be given to the fifth Section the Committee is led to conclude that these Inspectors, if they have any exclusive right, have only an exclusive right [421] of inspecting Lumber to be exported, and therefore that the inspection of lumber for domestic use is still governed by the Charter concurrently with the Inspectors appointed by the Council of appointment. The latter branch of this Section (which is the only part creating doubt) which enacts that—"if any person other than those appointed by Law shall "be convicted of practising the duties of Inspector of lumber, to the "injury of said inspectors, such offender &c"—if meant to apply to inspectors under the Corporation can only allude to the inspection of lumber intended for exportation as from the context of the Act it is framed for the inspection of lumber for exportation. But without this construction of the Act your Committee think it fair to conclude from the phraseology of the branch of the section above quoted that inspectors appointed by the Corporation were not intended to be excluded, at least for domestic use; On the contrary, it is thought by the Committee that the expressions "other than those appointed by law" seem to leave room for a strong inference that the legislature recognized [422] the right of the Inspectors appointed by the Corporation to inspect lumber even for exportation—because it was known to the Legislature when this law passed that the Corporation had been in the practice of appointing inspectors for this special purpose; and if it had been intended to exclude Corporation inspectors it might have been done readily and unequivocally by altering the phraseology thus—"if any person other than those appointed by this "Law &c"—which would have put the question at rest as to inspectors for exportation:—On the whole your Committee are of opinion that the Act quoted creates a concurrent power with the Corporation, but does not abrogate their right—They can find nothing in the Statute repugnant to the exercise of this privilege by the Board, and are therefore led to the conclusion that the Corporation has a right of appointing inspectors as well as measurers of Lumber."

Respectfully submitted
[423] (signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton
" E. W. King

Which was directed to be filed.

They also presented the following Report on the subject of the Fees of the inspectors of Lumber, which was agreed to:

The Law Committee to which was referred the petition of the Measurers of Lumber praying that their Compensation may be increased from ten to fourteen cents per Ton Cubic measure, beg leave to Report the following Resolution

Resolved—That the measurers of lumber hereafter be allowed to receive fourteen cents for every ton cubic measure of square timber.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

The Police Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of John Taylor, Reported:

" That the Petitioner admits that he has violated the Ordinance of this Corporation [424] above referred to; and your Committee can see no reason why the penalty should not be enforced against the Petitioner in the same manner as it has been done against other persons under similar circumstances

They beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

(signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following:

" The Committee on the Fire Department beg leave to Recommend that the Machine of the Floating Engine be removed to the Public Yard and that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a Well of a suitable size to be [425] made in the said yard and erect a shed over the said Well sufficiently large for the Reception of the said

Engine and that the said Engine be placed under the said shed to be used in Case of Fire.

Your Committee have made inquiry as to the probable expense and feel assured that it will not exceed $200 and taking into consideration the security that it will afford to the property in the Neighbourhood and that the Chief Engineer cannot dispose of the Floating Engine as by this Board directed your Committee are of opinion that it is the best and most beneficial use that can be made of the Floating Engine.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and is hereby directed to carry the above recommendation into effect.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^c^Queen
" A. L. Underhill

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[426] The same Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer on the subject of Hydrants. Reported:

" That as those Hydrants have been found very useful in facilitating a supply of water to the Fire Engines, your Committee are of opinion that the Corporation ought to keep them in repair, provided the Individuals who have been at the expense of erecting those Hydrants will place them under the Direction and in the possession of the Corporation.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^c^Queen
" A. L. Underhill

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be, and he is hereby authorised to keep in repair all those Hydrants that have or may be erected by any Individuals in this City,—Provided those Individuals shall relinquish their Right to those Hydrants to this Corporation.

Which was approved and the [427] Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Jacob Smith Jun^r^, Reported as follows:

" The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Smith Jun^r^ stating that he did lay before this Honarable Board some Months ago the Model of a new invention for throwing down Chimneys or Walls that remain standing after a Fire is extinguished and that he was called upon to superintend the making of a Large one conformable to the said Model, that the said

Machine when made was approved of by the Engineers, Report: that your Committee have viewed the said Machine and seen it's operation in throwing down Chimneys and feel satisfied of it's usefulness for the said purpose and are of opinion that the Inventor, Jacob Smith Jun^{r} ought to be rewarded for his model and superintending of the said Machine.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^{c}Queen
[428] " A. L. Underhill

" Resolved that the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to prepare a Warrant in favor of Jacob Smith Jun^{r} for the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly.

The Police Committee to whom was referred to consider the necessity of continuing to employ a Marshal to attend the Justices Court, Reported:

" That they have made the enquiries directed by the Resolution of this Board above mentioned, and are of opinion that it is not necessary to employ a Marshal to attend said Court at the expence of this Corporation, and they beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, that from and after this date no compensation shall be allowed by this Corporation to any Marshall for attending the Justices Court in this City.

[429] (signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution was agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of James Casey for remission of fine under Pawnbrokers Law presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Van Amringe presented certain Resolutions on the subject of opening Beekman Street which were read and laid for consideration.

A Letter was received from Whitehead Fish Esq^{re} signed on his behalf by Thomas W. Gilbert stating that on Acc^{t} of his ill state of health, and of his residence out of the City he was under the necessity of resigning his Office as Chamberlain of the City—Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

[430] The Board then proceeded to choose by Ballot a person to fill the said Office—When upon counting the Ballots it appeared that John Fleming was duly elected—Whereupon it was Resolved that John Fleming be and he is hereby elected Chamberlain or City Treasurer for the current year.

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give Mr Fleming notice of his appointment and to take the oaths and to enter into the Sureties required by Law; The Sureties to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to examine and audit the accounts of Whitehead Fish, late Chamberlain of the City.

Alderman Munson presented the following:

" Resolved, that the Commissioners of the Alms house be and they are hereby authorised on the appli- [431] cation of the Sheriff of the City and County of New York to direct that so many of the Convicts sentenced to the Bridewell or Penitentiary as the Commissioners may judge necessary be employed for cleaning the jail and other necessary work about the same. That the said Sheriff may for bad conduct return them to the prison from whence they came and the Commissioners may appoint others from time to time to fill the places of those who may be so returned.

Which was agreed to.

A Member stating he had confidential matter to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed.

" Alderman Munson presented a Deposition from John Palmer, Collector of the Tenth Ward stating that J. R. Livingston and Richd M. Livingston had, upon the representation of Thomas W. Gilbert, Collector of the Arrearages of Taxes, refused to pay the Amount of Taxes due from them; Whereupon the said Communication was referred to the Committee [432] on Public Offices.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 12 Instant	$11.451.13

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch 2d District	707.
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d District	413.
Jno McComb, Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 12th inst	500.
Saml Jones Junr, Counsel fee &c Case of Roosevelt St. Slip	100.
John Wells, Counsel fee &c Case of Roosevelt St. Slip	50.
R. Munson, for 10 Casks of Oil bot of M. Crosby	884.88

Nathan Comstock, 2 ca[s]ks oil	253.57	
Hugh Smith balance paving Roosevelt Street	70.01	
Chas Mooney paving &c, intersection Pearl & Wall Streets.	54.25	
[433] Robt Pettigrew 1st Instalment Well in Hubert Street	29.75	
Jacob *B.* [P.] Roome Superintendant of Repairs, for Repairs	950.	
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs for glazing & Repairs Lamps in March	238.	
		5393.21
	Balance	$6057.92

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 °Clock.

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OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

April 26, 1819 to September 6, 1819

[1] In Common Council April 26 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor. President

Aldermen
Peter Mesier
Elisha W. King
Anthony L. Underhill
Wm F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robt McQueen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Effingham Schieffelin
Stephen Allen

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The following Resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election whose resignations were accepted and the persons hereafter named were appointed in their place.

[2] 2nd Ward

Wilett Seaman resd Elam Williams appd

4th Ward

Joel Post resd Aaron B. Woodruff appd

A Petition of James Byrne, butcher, praying that Stall No 26 Washington Market formerly held by John Pessenger, deceased, whose widow is willing to relinquish the same, may be now granted to Petitioner.

A Petition from George Camerdin for Stall No 42 Washington Market, and a petition from Jesse Huestis for permission to sell produce in the Fly Market as agent for others—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jane Walker for pecuniary aid was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

An invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum to the Members [3] of the Common Council and their families to visit his museum, enclosing Tickets of admission was read and accepted.

An Account of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb for three quarters tuition of 10 children taught at the expence of the Corporation in pursuance of a Resolution of the Common Council at the rate of $40 per annum, was presented and referred to the Finance Committee, who immediately reported thereon the following Resolution

"Resolved, that a Warrant for Three hundred Dollars pass in favor of the Institution for the instruction of the deaf and Dumb, being for the instruction of Ten deaf and dumb children for nine months agreeably to an Order of this board.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

[4] Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for $300. agreeably thereto.

A Petition from sundry Captains and Owners of Sloops and Vessels lying at the Corporation Wharf at the foot of Dey and Fulton Streets praying that a set of Lamps may be placed on the "L" of the long wharf at the Foot of Dey Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to cause Lamps to be erected if in their opinion necessary and proper.

A Petition of John Mayo in behalf of George Hawkes praying relief from an assessment of a personal Tax laid upon the said George Hawkes wholly disproportionate to his circumstances, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 9th Ward with authority to direct relief to be afforded in the [5] Premises

A Petition of Isaac Labagh Junr lately appointed a Measurer of Grain praying that in lieu of said appointment he may be appointed to the office of City Weigher. A Petition of Wright Carpenter and of James Ackerman for appointment as Street Inspectors, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition was received from John R. Livingston stating that he is indebted for Taxes now due to the amount of near $1000.—that those taxes are nearly all upon unproductive property and praying to be permitted to sett of against the same a sum awarded to him for ground taken to open Leonard Street whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Brush that the [6] Street Commissioner may ascertain for him the correct Boundaries of a Lot on which he is about to erect two houses at the corner of Spring Street and Washington Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner with authority to give the necessary directions respecting the Boundaries of the Lots.

A Petition of James Duffie for permission to construct a Brick Cistern in front of his house Nº 6 Front Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by a Rule of the Supreme Court in May term 1818, in the application for the enlarging straightening and improving Dover Street between Cherry Street and South [7] Street in the Fourth Ward stating that after fully investigating the subject they are fully satisfied that the amount of damage cannot be raised upon the property without assessing on each individual piece of ground more than it can bear & praying to be discharged from acting under said appointment—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 4th Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication:

" The Street Commissioner begs leave to represent to the Common Council that the buildings standing at the intersection of Orange and Cross Street which are to be removed after the first day of May, in Order to open and extend Anthony Street, are at the disposal of the Corporation. Also One standing on Carmine Street to be removed in order to widen that Street. Which the undersigned [8] would respectfully recommend to be sold on Friday next. the buildings to be taken down and removed within twenty days after.

(signed) Jnº McComb
Street Commissioner

Which was approved and the Recommendation therein adopted.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Herbert Street near Washington Street & for a Well and Pump in Essex Street near Broome Street, which were confirmed and Morris D. Camp appointed Collector in the former and N. Jarvis in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

1	A. L. Stewart	Own		Desbrosses St	A Lot
2	Elias Badeau	Own	18	Broome St	Dº
3	George Lorillard	Own		Greenwich St	Dº
4	G & R. Waite Roger Peg & Josh Hall	Own Occupts	56	Maiden lane	A Privy
5	[9] David Brown, Lessee and Occupant			Church & Leonard Sts	Dº
6	Judah Hammond B. Bassett,	Agt Occupt	75	Lombardy St	Dº

7	Sylvester Van Bushkirk	Own	67 Leonard St	A Privy
	Uriah Ryder and Jas L. Heddenberg	Occupts		
8	Jno H. Sickles	Own,	12 New Street	Do
	Js Corwin	Occupt		
9	Jno H. Sickles	Own,	14 New Street	Do
	Rt G. Hardie	Occupt		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Chief Engineer presented the following communication

"To the Corporation of the City of New York

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports—That on the evening of the 12th inst during the fire in Neilsons Alley near Pike Street, that Dougal McMichael a foreman of Engine Company No 22 did peremptorily and insolently, refuse to [10] comply with the directions of one of the Engineers; and altho' it is with much reluctance that this complaint is made, yet notwithstanding, he beleives it his indespensible duty rigidly to support the authority of the Engineers, as without which, the greatest confusion and disorder is to be apprehended by a non compliance with the well regulated system laid down by the Corporation for the Government of the Fire Department, and having carefully investigated the subject, he is satisfied of the correctness thereof, and therefore respectfully recommends (in order to put as speedy a stop as possible to such conduct) that the said Dougal McMichael foreman of Engine Company No 22 be dismissed from the fire department, and that the Clerk of the Common Council notify him accordingly."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer

[11] Whereupon Resolved that Dougal McMichael be and he is hereby dismissed from the Fire Department and that the Clerk of the Common Council give him notice thereof

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

Fire Engine Company No 26

Henry Day—Locksmith, 7 Division Street Vice George W. Dodge resigned

The Counsel presented the following

"The Counsel herewith respectfully submits to the Board for their acceptance Deeds from Robert H. Bowne and wife, Stephen Allen and wife, David Stebbins and wife, John Hunter and Henry Overing and wives and Samuel Thorne and wife, of the property belonging to them respectively, which is required for the purpose of forming a [12] public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip. Also a release from the Ocean Insurance Company to Robert H. Bowne, releasing his property from a Mortgage which they hold against it. The deeds were delivered to the Counsel as escrows and are not to take effect until the consideration is paid. The consideration for R. H. Bowne's property is to be paid to the Ocean Insurance Company. John Mason who ownes the property which belonged to John Clark declines conveying his property in pursuance of the arrangements made with the other proprietors. Clark and Ingersoll also decline unless they are paid Four hundred Dollars more than the finding of the Jury on account of a part of the pier at James Slip.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) O. Edwards

Which Deeds were directed to be [13] accepted, and the Comptroller was directed to make out the Bonds to David Stebbins for the amount due to him agreeably to the former Report on that subject.

The Counsel also presented for execution Deeds to Robert R. Hunter, Charles Denison and C. Bolton for property purchased by them respectively from the Corporation—which Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

M^r Allen from the Finance Committee presented " a Law to amend the Law prescribing the Duties of Comptroller and Chamberlain "—which was passed.

The Market Committee presented the following:

" The Market Committee beg leave to Report to the Board, that they have received Returns from the Deputy Clerks of the Butchers now standing and the [14] number of Stalls they now occupy in Washington, Fly, Catharine, Duane, Spring Street, Greenwich, Centre, Essex, Grand Street and Gouverneur Markets, and beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That they be licensed agreeably to the Returns of the Deputy Clerks of the different Markets and that the price of license be reduced to One Dollar.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was agreed to,

The same Committee on the Petition of Matthew Rose, Reported:—

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that his Honor, the Mayor be requested to grant him a [15] license as a butcher to sell meat in the Village of Greenwich.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Jeremiah Kilpatrick and Gilbert Myer, Reported:

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioners be granted and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved—That his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant Jeremiah Kilpatrick and Gilbert Myers, Licenses as Butchers to sell meat at Manhattanville.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

[16] Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of John Norman Reported:

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution;

Resolved, That Stand N° 39 Fly Market be granted to John Norman and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Effingham Marsh Reported:

" The Market Committee Recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following [17] Resolution,

" Resolved, That stand N° 57 Fly Market be granted to Effingham Marsh and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of George Messerve, Reported:

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that stand N° 55 Fly Market be granted to George Messerve and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[18] The same Committee on the Petition of Nathaniel Moore, Reported:

" The Market Committee Recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution—Resolved that stand N° 1 Gouverneur Market be granted to Nathaniel Moore and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed [to]

The same Committee on the Petition of James Mook, Reported:

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Stand N° 8 Spring Street Market be granted to James Mook and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
[19] " Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Adam Hartell Jun^r Reported:

" The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Stand N° 41 Washington Market be granted to Adam Hartell and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Amos Wood—Reported:

"The Market Committee recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted [20] and offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That a Stand in Grand Street Market Corlaers Hook be granted to Amos Wood and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Lawrence Martin, Reported:

"The Market Committee Recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted & offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that Stand N° 33 Fly Market be granted to Lawrence Martin and that he be licensed for the same.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[21] The Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward and the Street Commissioner to whom was referred the Petition of Anthony Dey on the subject of building Vaults, corner of Nassau & Cedar Streets, and to vary the openings, presented the following Report:

"That they have duly considered the subject to them refered, and are of opinion that; that part of the Petition relating to the size, and building on the intersection of the Street ought to be granted.—but that part relating to fixing the Grate holes in a different position from what is directed by the ordinance—it is inexpedient to grant. Therefore present the following Resolution—Resolved, that the Petitioner be permitted to built a Vault in front of his Lot along Nassau and Cedar Street and to connect the same at the intersection of the Street —of the dimentions expressed in the Petition, on the usual [22] terms.

(signed) Peter Mesier
" Thos Bolton
" John McComb, St Commr

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Street Committee to whom was refered the Petition of Charles Sherry—Reported:

"Respectfully Report—That they have personally attended to the survey of M^r^ Sherry's Lot, and are of opinion that the line established by the Street Commissioner (under all circumstances) is the most proper one, as it permits him to build his front in a line with the adjoining houses—the buildings on this part of Greenwich Street have encroached about five inches on the Street—Your Committee are therefore of opinion that M^r Sherry has no cause of [23] complaint as he has been permitted to intrench on the Street as far as his Neighbours—Altho' he states that his old building did occupy several inches farther into the Street.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Samuel Akerly

Which being read was directed to be filed.

The same Committee on the Petition of the Society of United Christian friends for permission to build Vaults in the Street in front of their Church presented the following Report and Resolution:

" Having viewed the situation where it is proposed to build the Vaults—are of opinion, that the request of the Petitioners ought to be granted; Therefore beg leave to present the following resolution. Resolved, that the [24] Trustees of the Society of United Christian Friends be permitted to build four Vaults in front of their Church on Augustus Street, not exceeding Five feet, on the usual terms.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Samuel Akerly

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative. The Ayes and Noes having been called by M^r Stevens were as follows.

Affirmative Ald^n Mesier Underhill Morss McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson M^r Bolton Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Schiefflin Allen 15

Negative Ald^n King V^n Amringe M^r Stevens 3

[25] The Committee on Arts and Sciences to whom had been refered the Memorial of the Rev^d John Stanford respecting a Catechism prepared by him, Reported:

" The Committee of Arts and Sciences to whom the Catechism of the Rev^d John Stanford (compiled for the use of the children of the Alms-house) was refered, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that it appears proper to have the said Catechism printed at the public expense for the use of the poor children in the

Alms house, and that the author be compensated for his labour in compiling the same, wherefore they offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the Rev^{d} John Stanford be paid out of the Treasury Four hundred Dollars for his valuable compilation of a Catechism for the use of the Alms house, & for his services for the last year in that institution, [26] and that the said Catechism be printed at the Public expence, under the direction of the Rev^{d} J. Stanford, for the use of the poor children in the Alms house.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" E. W. King
" John Morss

Which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

Alderman Mesier presented the following Resolution, which was directed to be refered to the Committee on Arts and Sciences with authority to act in the Premises as they should judge expedient:

Resolved that the Superintendant be hereby directed to take down the monument lately erected to designate [27] the position of the South West Bastion of Fort George on the Battery, and that he place the marble slab on the top of said monument, under ground on the foundation of said Monument, and that he cause a proper record of the same to be made, so that the position may always be ascertained.

This being the period for the appointment of the Commissioners for the School Fund the Board proceeded to that duty, When the following persons were chosen—Peter H. Wendover Roger Strong Abraham Russel Jacob Drake Francis Cooper

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed:

The following was presented by M^{r} Allen [28] from the Committee of Finance

"The finance Committee, to whom authority was given by the Board to examine and audit the accounts of Whitehead Fish, Late Chamberlain of this City, Report in part. That owing to the indisposition of M^{r} Fish, together with the peculiar manner of keeping his accounts, they have been unable to proceed in the investigation of the matters refered to them; they have ascertained however, that a considerable difference exists between him and the Comptroller in relation to the ballance due the Corporation, and as the Committee have no reason to doubt the correctness of the ballance shewn by the Comptroller—inasmuch as it is founded on the acknowledged receipts of the Chamberlain exhibited weekly at his office, they take it for granted, until evidence is shewn to the contrary by Mr Fish, that the ballance in the Treasury on the [29] 21st of the present month ought to be 27.977 Dollars and 66 cents, and they beg leave to subjoin the following statement which will shew on what data they found their conclusions.

To ballance of Cash Account on the 21st April 1819 as per the Comptroller's books	21107.25
To Cash received by the Treasurer from Mr Van Wyck, and not included in the above ballance	569.
To Warrants unpaid at above date and gone to the credit of the Treasurer	1293.81
To Cash received by the Treasurer for Street Vaults, and not accounted for by him	129.60
To interest on the funded debt unclaimed on the 21st of April, for which the Treasurer has received a Warrant	4851.
	$27.977.66
Cr	
By Ballance in bank to account of W. Fish Esqre Treasurer on the 21st April	15.228.32
	$12.749.34

[30] From the foregoing statement it will appear, that their is a deficet amounting to 12.749 Dollars and 34 cents, and for which the sureties of the Late Chamberlain are liable; and that the subject may receive from them the necessary attention, the Committee propose the following resolution.

Resolved, that the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to inform the surety of Whitehead Fish Esqre Late Chamberlain of this City, that a settlement between the Corporation and the said Whitehead Fish must be had immediately, and the ballance due paid to John Fleming Esqre the present Chamberlain, or that a suit will be instituted against said Surety.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

[31] Whereupon the Resolution therein proposed was agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported.

Balance in the Treasury 19th Instant	6057.92	
Recd for Mayoralty fees	51.	
" Commutation Alien Passengers	135.	
" Tax of 1818—1st 6th 7th Wards	14.300.	
" Arrears of Tax	300.	
" Wells and Pumps	223.79	
" Streets	26.80	
" Penalties	596.	21.690.51

Balance in the Treasury on the 21st April 1819. as appears from the books of the Comptroller, and transferd to the Account of John Fleming Esqr City Chamberlain.

Accounts Audited

J. Morton, Clerk Common Council 1 Qr Salary 1 May 1819	312.50	
[32] Geo. L. Birch & Co Printing 11 Jany to 17th instant	213.93	
Jacob Smith Jr for machine throwing down chimneys	50.	
Isaac F. Bragg writing the freedom of the City on parchment for General Jackson	26.50	
Hugh Smith on Acct paving sidewalks in Franklin Street	150.	
Higgins & Parkson on Acct filling Lots at Crane Wharf	500.	
Henry Cochran on Acct filling at foot of Fulton Street North River	400.	
Robt Pettigrew 1st Installment Well in Arundel Street	44.89	
		1697.82
	Balance	$19.992.69

[33] In Common Council May 3rd 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay Esqre, Recorder—

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Robt McQueen	Samuel Stevens
Jacob B Taylor	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
	Samuel Akerly
	Stephen Allen

A Quorum not appearing His Honor the Mayor adjourned the meeting of the Common Council until Wednesday next 6 oClock.

[34] In Common Council May 5th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor—President

Aldermen
Anthony L. Underhill
Wm F. Van Amringe
John Morss
Robert McQueen
George Buckmaster
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Reuben Munson

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Samuel Akerly
David Board
Stephen Allen

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition for a well and pump in Ludlow Street corner of Grand Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street [35] Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of Wm L. Vandervoort for permission to construct a Vault in Nassau Street was read and refered to Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Recommendation in favor of the appointment of George Mount as Wood Inspector was read and refered to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Wm Shields for appointment of a City Measurer, and a Petition of John Lozin for appointment of Measurer of Lumber, was read, and refered to same Committee

A Letter from Wm W. Gilbert one of the sureties of Whitehead Fish late Chamberlain of the City requesting the appointment of a Committee to investigate the accounts of [36] said Chamberlain was read and refered to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John O. Eddo, Cartman was received stating that his horse standing in the Street before his Cart on which he was putting a Load was so injured by one of the Fire Engines which was passing through the Street on an alarm of Fire as to be wholly useless to him and praying compensation for the loss of his horse, was read and refered to the Committee on Fire Department with authority to give relief to the Petitioner.

A request of Joseph Delaplaine to be permitted to take a Copy of the Portrait of Genl Williams in the Gallery of Portraits belonging to the Corporation was read and refered to his Honor the Mayor to grant the request.

[37] A Petition of the Directors of the Savings Bank praying to

be accomodated with a Room in the Basement Story of the Old Alms house for the transaction of the business of the institution was read and refered to the Commissioners of the Alms House.

A Petition of Samuel T. Weeks to be restored to Stall Nº 55 Fly Market, formerly held by him—and a Petition of Henry Lyons for stall Nº 3 Spring Street Market were read and refered to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Hugh McKibbin for remission of fine for selling Liquor without License—a similar Petition from Samuel Carl, and a Petition from Conrad Metzgar, (Baker) for relief from penalty incurred by selling bread lighter than the weight fixed by the weekly assize—were read and refered to the Committee of Charity.

[38] A Recommendation from a number of Citizens in favour of Jacob C. Cisco's being appointed Assistant of City Watch of 3rd District, and a Petition of Alexander Henry for same appointment were read and refered to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Baptist Church in Mulberry Street complaining of the riotous conduct of certain disorderly persons who assemble at the Church on Sundays insulting the persons attending the Church and disturbing the Congregation in their religious Solemnities and praying the establishment of a Watch in the vicinity was read and refered to the Watch Committee.

A Petition from Hose Engine Company Nº 1 praying an addition of three members to said Company was read and refered to the Committee on [39] the Fire Department.

The following person was appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancy

Fire Engine Company Nº 23

John L. Smith—Hatter—461 Pearl Street Vice Eli White—resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a communication on the subject of the Resolution directing him to contract for the delivery of a quantity of paving stones, which was referred to the Street Committee.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which was passed.

1	J. D. Kirck,	Own & Occupt	86 Reed Street	A Lot
2	Mrs Williamson E. Chase	Own Occupt	98 Church Street	Dº
3.	[40] S. Van Rensalaer N. Jarvis	Own Agent	Spring & Ellizabeth Sts	Dº

4	A. Baldwin R. Gill	Own Occupt	Leonard St.	A Lot
5	Peter A. Jay and Peter Jay Munro Esqrs	owners	Elm, Pump & Collect Streets	Do
6	Jno J. Astor Esqre	Own	King St	Do
7	Thos C. Butler	Own	Water & Scammel Sts	Do
8	Mrs Lawrence Abm R. Luster Mary White	Own Agt Occupt	7 Gold Street	A Privy
9	G. Rutgers R. Greenwood	Own Occupt	83 Maiden lane	Do
10	A. Journey	Lessee & occupt	Varick & Provost Sts.	Do
11	B. Swartwout J. Smith G. W. Gray	Own Agt Occupt	139 Washington St	Do
12	M. Minture, F. Sypher,	Own Occupt	The rear of 208 Grand Street	Do
13	Mrs Williamson, L. West,	Own Occupt	160 Duane Street	Do
14	Mrs Thorne J. Mould & Mrs Barber	Own Occupants	41 Oliver Street	Do
15	[41] J. P. Clement	Lessee and occupant	70 Bancker Street	Do
16	Jas Dobbin Rt B. Gordon	Own Occupt	97 Bancker Street	Do
17	Isaac Graham, R. Rhodes	Own or Agt Occupt	19 Fayette Street	Do
18	Dl Robinson & Jno Alexander, Mr Swezy	Lessees Occupt	298 Greenwich St.	Do
19	Dr Berger, Chas Nicholls	Own Occupt	95 Greenwich St.	Do
20	John Rogers S. Lockwood	Own Occupt	128 Broadway	Do
21	Wm C. Rhi[ne]lander, R. Waite Junr and A. W. Trappan	own Occupts	136 Broadway	Do
22	Js Anderson Chs D. Vecchio	Own Occupt	140 Broadway	Do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Comptroller presented the following report received from the Treasurer in [42] *in* pursuance of the Ordinance passed on 26th April last which was directed to be filed

"City Treasury

New York May 3, 1819

"Sir:

In compliance with a Law of the Corporation passed 26th ultimo I herewith enclose an account current of receipts and payments from the date of my appointment until 1st Instant inclusive, by which it will appear the Balance in the Treasury on that day was 9910 72/100 Dollars.

I am respectfully

Sir, Your Obedt Servt

(signed) John Fleming

Chamberlain

[43]

Dr the City of New York in a/c with John Fleming=Chamberlain Cr

1819			1819.		
May 1.	To Cash paid 5 Corporation Warrants per return	997.82	April 24.	By Cash received, City Treasury, as per weekly return	1.595.71
"	To Cash in part 27 Div^{d} City Stock	2.329.50	"	By do received on Acc^{t} Sinking fund per weekly return	3.748.72
			May 1.	By do " City Treasury "	7.423.26
	" Balance in the Treasury	9910.72	"	By do " Sinking Fund "	470.35
		$13.238.04			$13.238.04
			May 1.	By Balance from a/a	9.910.72

City Treasury

New York May 3rd 1819

(signed) John Fleming, Chamberlain

The Counsel presented for execution, the following Leases and Deeds as follows:

"The Counsel herewith respectfully [44] submits for execution

A Lease to the heirs and legal Representatives of James Manning of a lot of Ground for 16 years from 6th March 1819—in the Ninth Ward of the City of New York heretofore intended to be left for a Street, sold on account of an assessment for opening twenty eighth Street from third avenue to the East River and purchased by Thomas McCreedy and assigned by him to the legal representatives of James Manning.

A Lease to Peter & George Lorrillard for 11 years from 1st May 1819—of a Lot of Ground on the Corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row in the sixth ward, $150 per annum. It contains the usual covenants for renewal.

A Deed to Robert R. Hunter for Lots No 3 and 7 at the Albany Basin.

A Deed to Philip Brasher and James Fairlie of two Lots of Ground [45] Nos 21 and 22 in third Ward on Fulton Street between Washington and West Streets—These Lots were purchased at the public sale by Mr Brasher and are made out to him and Mr Fairlie by his request.

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the following:

"The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that Clark and Ingersoll have executed a Conveyance to the Corporation of their property between Roosevelt Street and James Slip which is required for the purpose of forming a Public Slip. The Consideration for this conveyance is to be paid to Thomas S. Townsend, who upon receiving it will release the premises from a Mortgage which he holds against it.

The Deed from Clark and Ingersoll is herewith submitted for the acceptance of the Board.

[46] Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the same was directed to be accepted—and it was ordered that if Mr John Mason shall in conformity with the Acts of the other Proprietors of property required for the Slip between Roosevelt Street and James Slip tender during the recess of the Board a Deed or Conveyance to the Corporation for property owned by him—required as aforesaid for said Slip, that the Comptroller be authorised, on behalf of this Board to accept of said Conveyance on the Terms agreed on by former Resolutions of this board.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the subject of working the Avenues, both as to the manner of working and the mode of paying the expences: Reported:

[47] " That in examining the subject referred to them, they have confined themselves, on the present occasion, to the expense of working the 3rd Avenue only, and have accordingly attempted a calculation of the expense for compleating the whole of said Avenue—founded on the actual cost of that part already finished extending from 9th Street to 28th Street.

The whole extent of the Avenue from 9th Street to Haerlem Creek is estimated at Six and a quarter miles, and has cost the Corporation for working as per the original contract		$30.462.33
One mile of which has, during the last season, been regulated and paved, and cost—for to pay the Overseers of the Convicts—use of Carts and horses—Tools—Black smith work and other contingencies the sum of	$4983.14	
The men employed in working [48] the above mile were 85, and they worked 144 days each—equal to 12.240 days in the whole, which at 50 cents per day will amount to the sum of	$6120.	
Making the total cost for one Mile		$11.103.14
The distance still to be compleated is about 5¼ Miles, and is estimated to cost on an average 11.000 dollars per mile, and will amount to the sum of		$57.750.

The expence therefore of working 6¼ Miles of this Avenue to be compleated similar to the mile already worked will be 99.315 Dollars and 48 Cents.

The Committee beleive the foregoing estimates to be within the bounds of the probable cost, and they presume it will be conceded on all hands that the charge of 50 cents per day for the Labour of the Convicts is not only moderate, but considerably [49] less than the same work can be done by any other persons. The amount expended for Blacksmith work, Tools, the pay of the Overseers &c is taken from the Books kept by the Superintendant of the Alms house, where the several items are regularly entered and debited to the proper account; and the estimated value of the Labour performed by the convicts, is at least 50 per cent less than the lowest price given in this City to Labourers.

The object of the Committee has been to place the regulating and working of the Avenues on the same footing which the Law places the paving: altering and amending the Streets—which authorises estimates of the expense to be made, and a just and equitable assessment thereof among the owners or occupants of all the Houses and Lotts intended to be benefitted thereby; and the Board having determined [50] on the 7th of October 1817—that one third of the expense for working the Avenues shall be paid by the property adjacent, the Committee can see no reason why the subject should be longer delayed, and therefore propose the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to report an ordinance at the next meeting of the board for appointing assessors to assess on the property adjacent to, and fronting on the Third Avenue, the sum of 33.105 Dollars and 16 cents being One third of the estimated expense for regulating and working said avenue; and that said Assessment be laid on the property in proportion to the benefit derived, or to be derived from said improvement, and in the usual manner of laying [51] assessments for regulating and paving Streets

Resolved, that on said Assessment being confirmed by the Board, and a Collector appointed—it shall be the duty of such collector, in the first instance, to collect from the property fronting on that part of the Avenue which shall be compleated at the time of confirming the assessment as aforesaid, and in like manner on any portion hereafter compleated, until the whole assessment shall be collected.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

The question being taken on the Resolutions proposed, they were carried in the affirmative: Alderman Thorp gave notice that he would at the next [52] meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration of the vote given on said subject.

Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution directing the Assessors to be appointed on the Assessment for 3rd Avenue to assess and report what in their opinion is the just and equitable benefit of all property in the vicinity of or benefitted by the working of sd 3rd Avenue: which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of John R. Livingston—Reported as follows:

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John R. Livingston, praying that he may be permitted to sett off a part of his Taxes, payable to the Ward Collector, against the amount awarded him by the [53] Commissioners for opening Anthony Street, Report

That the request of the Petitioner is inadmissable in every point of view, as his Taxes are now due and ought to be paid forthwith, while the award alluded to, is yet to be collected, and cannot be claimed from the Corporation before the expiration of four Months from the first instant. The Committee therefore propose the following resolution

Resolved, that the prayer of John R. Livingston be rejected.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Samuel Akerly
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the Deposition of John Palmer [54] Collector of 10th Ward in relation to the Conduct of Thomas W. Gilbert, Collector of the Corporation Taxes in Arrear, Reported:

That they have examined Mr Palmer and Mr Gilbert, in relation to the charges made against the latter, as also the certificates and affidavits hereunto annexed. Mr Gilbert is charged with having informed John R. Livingston, that he was not obliged to pay his taxes to the tenth ward Collector—and that the tenth ward Collector had no power to enforce the collection; As the assertions contained in each of these charges were known to be untrue by Mr Gilbert, Your Committee would require satisfactory proof, before they could stigmatize him with being guilty of the conduct and consequent falsehoods imputed to him. But Mr Gilbert has by the annexed papers, in the [55] opinion of your Committee, satisfactorily disproved the above charges made against him, though we think that his own affidavits, and certificates; show an imprudent conversation with Mr Livingston, as for instance, we think it improper for Mr Gilbert to have informed Mr Livingston, that the Ward Collectors seldom distrained, as it is by threatening to distrain and sometimes actually distraining, that the payment of a considerable part of the taxes is made to them, it was therefore unbecoming an officer of the board, in his official capacity too, to have held such conversation. There is also a like objection to the observations of Mr Gilbert to Mr Livingston, "that there would be no additional expence if the tax was returned to his office." Tho' Mr Gilbert appears to have had this conversation incidentally and without any design to cause Mr Livingston to delay [56] paying his taxes.

In relation to the advertisement, signed W. Fish, read to the Board, Your Committee think that the annexed papers clearly show, that no blame is to be charged to Mr Gilbert by reason of that publication.

Your Committee wish to be expressly understood as in no way implicating Mr Palmer or the correctness of his affidavits so far as he states the facts within his knowledge. Your Committee in the examination of this subject have learnt that circumstances make it proper, that the Collector of the arrearages of Taxes should be required to make semiannual accounts to the Comptroller and that the Comptroller report thereon to the Board. Your Committee take the liberty to suggest (though this part of the subject was not regularly referred to them) the following [57] Resolution.

Resolved that the Collector of Arrearages of Taxes be required to make forthwith an account between himself, as receiver of Public Monies, and the Corporation, during the period which he has held the said Office of Collector. and that hereafter the Collector of arrearage of Taxes be required to make, semiannually accounts, and render the same to the Comptroller, on the first Monday of May and November in each year and that the Comptroller Report the same to the Board with such remarks as he may deem proper.

All which is submitted

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to—And the Clerk of the Common Council was directed to furnish to Mr Gilbert a Copy of the said Resolution.

[58] The Committee on Applications on the Petition of Isaac Labagh Junr for Appointment of City Weigher. Reported: as follows:

The Committee of Applications to whom was refered the within Petition of Isaac Labagh Junr, praying to be transfered from the Office of Measurer of Grain to that of Weigh master, Being informed that there will be a vacancy in the Office of Weigh master, by the Resignation of John Betts—Your Committee are of the opinion that it will be expedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that Isaac Labagh Jun^r the Petitioner be appointed to the office of Weigh master.

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

[59] The Special Committee on Greenwich Village to whom was refered a Petition in relation to a Sewer in Carmine Street, Reported:

" That they have carefully examined the situation of the low land in the vicinity of Greenwich, and have also viewed the condition of the Wooden Drain which now conveys the water through Hammersly Street, and which they find to be very much decayed—part of it will soon require considerable repairs. They are therefore decidedly of opinion that the permanent Sewer, which is intended to be built through Clarkson & Carmine Street and part of the Sixth Avenue ought to be commenced without delay—They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, that a sewer of suitable capacity for draining all the ground as far North as 17th Street [60] the water of which at present passes through Hammersly Street, be built in Clarkson and Carmine Streets and through the Sixth Avenue to within about 500 feet of Greenwich Lane.

Resolved, that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare and report a Plan of such dimentions as will be suitable for said sewer—with the probable expence thereof, and also that he prepare an Ordinance for carrying the same into effect.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Samuel Stevens
" Samuel Akerly

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[61] The Street Committee on the petition for paving Grand Street from Arundel Street to the East River presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Van Amringe presented the following—Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be and he is hereby directed to take the necessary legal measures to put the Board in possession of all such property as remains to be taken for a Public Slip between—the foot of

Roosevelt Street and James' Slip in Front Street which Resolution was agreed to.

A Resolution directing an allowance to be made to the Resident Physician and to the visiting Surgeon and visiting Physician of the Alms house was presented and refered to the Finance Committee.

[62] Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council receive from the Clerk of the City and County the Returns of Persons elected to offices at the late Annual Charter Election and that he give notice to the persons so elected to attend at the Common Council Chamber on Monday next being the Second Monday in May to take the oaths of their respective Offices as prescribed by Charter and the Laws of the State.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury April 26th	19.992.69	
Recd for Taxes of 1818—2d 6th 9th Wards	5.200.	
" Common Lands	2.306.60	
" Excise	508.02	
" Streets	729.39	
" Wells and Pumps	274.96	29.011.66

[63] Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake, Watch 1st Disct	1158.50
Hibberd & Clark, Watch 2d Disct	707.
Bleakley & Brower, Watch 3d Disct	413.
Richard Furman Superintendent Alms House & Officers 1 Qr Salary 1st Instant	625.
Wm Hoghland—Keeper Penitentiary & 3 Assistants 1 Qr Salary 1st Instant	587.50
G. Sickels Keeper City Prison & 2 Assistants 1 Qr Salary 1st Instant	350.
R. Graves Assistant Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 1st Instant	375.
Richd L. Walker Physician to City Prison Jail &c 6 Months 1st Instant	125.
Saml Hutchings, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Inst	52.
Jonathan Weeden, Street Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	52.
[64] Wm J. Waldron Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	52.
Obadiah Ayres Assistant City Inspector 1 Month 1st Instant	52.
Astin & Cochran Messengers 1 Month 1st Instant	60.
Daniel H. Magee, keeper Pottersfield 1 Month 1st Inst	45.
Revd J. Stanford for Catechism & clerical services at Bellevue &c	400.
John Richardson, attending Justices Court 43 days to 2d April	55.50

Obadiah Ayres Assistant City Inspector, removing Nuisances 6 Mo to 1 Instant	17.31	
Isaac Pierson for Inspectors and Clerks Election April 1819 1st Ward	52.	
Danl D. Smith for Inspectors & Clerks Election April 1819 3d Ward	68.	
Jno J. Westervelt for Inspectors & Clerks Election April 1819. 5 Ward	68.	
[65] Richard L. Walker, for Inspectors and Clerks, Election April 1819 6th Ward	60.	
Abraham Dally, for Inspectors & Clerks, Election April 1819 7th Ward	52.	
Gilbert Coutant, for Inspectors & Clerks, Election April 1819 8th Ward	68.	
Oliver Hibberd, for Inspectors & Clerks, Election April 1819 9 Ward	60.	
David Seaman, for Inspectors & Clerks, Election April 1819 10 Ward	60.	
G. Snethen Superintending & lighting lamps 1 Month 1st Inst	758.58	
Daniel Briggs work at Lamps 1 Quarter 1st Instant	51.12	
Isaac Halsey regulating Lewis Street from Stanton to Rivington Street	862.65	
John Bailey balce for paving Collect Street fr. Pearl to Leonard St	761.12	
[66] Robert Moran balance filling Lewis Street	105.83	
Peter McAllison on Account Pier at Oliver Street	500.	
Thomas Barnum, Superintending Wharves 24 days to 2 May	48.	
Richard Varick Bond due 1st May 1819	1540.	
L. Richardson 1 years rent of Ground in Rivington Street for Engine No 30 to 1 May 1819	15.	
Institution for Instruction of Deaf & Dumb for 9 months Tuition of 10 children—ordered by Board 26 April	300.	
Richard Furman Superintendent Alms house	5000.	
Oliver Vanderbilt Sealer of Weights & Measures sundry Expences	99.53	
		15.656.64
	Balance	$13.355.02

Adjourned to Monday next 10 oClock A. M.

[67] In Common Council May 10. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W^m^ F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Saml Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of Last meeting were read & approved.

Petition of Samuel Thompson for himself and Isaac L Kip for permission to build two Vaults in Pine Street between Nassau and William Streets was read and refered to [68] the Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A Letter was received from Isaac Haring Assistant to the 3rd District City Watch resigning his office, expressing his thanks to the Common Council for their confidence reposed in him and tending to them his wishes for their prosperity as a Public body and for their happiness as individuals—which being read it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

Petitions were received from John Traphagan, Simon Ackerman, Peter Quidores and from Wm Coquillet for appointment to the Office of Assistant of the 3rd Watch District, which were refered to the Watch Committee.

A Petition was received from the Contractors for the Canal in Canal Street [69] stating that One third of said Contract had been finished and praying payment for the same agreeably to their Contract—was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of John Cliff for an Appointment as an Assistant in the Street Commissioners Department was read and referred to the Committee on Applications

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants residing on North side of the Park praying that the Trees planted there may be removed, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of Laben Joy praying remission of fine incured under Law regulating Porters was read and refered to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition that Washington Street may be paved from North Moore to Herbert [70] Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance was received from James Roosevelt against the proposed improvement of straightening Bleecker Street from Broadway to the Bowery

The Street Commissioner stated that he had agreeably to directions advertised the proposed improvement of straightening Bleecker Street and that he had received Objections thereto from Arthur Smith which he transmitted with his communication—Whereupon it was resolved that the said Remonstrance of James Roosevelt and the objections of Arthur Smith be referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of W^m^ Chivvis was received stating that he has received a Licence for Stall N° 42 Washington Market [71] which he has occupied for a great number of Years—that he understands an application has been made for said Stall by one George Comenden to whom during a period of sickness he had rented said Stall—that Petitioner is now able to attend to the duties of said Stall and praying to be continued thereon. A Report of the Market Committee on the Petition of George Comenden for said Stall recommending the granting of said Stall to him was presented and read—Whereupon it was resolved that said Petition and Report be laid on the table for further consideration.

A Petition from the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 22 praying that Dougal M^c^Michael may be reinstated as a Fireman in said Company was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The following persons were appointed [72] Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 2

Pine Hopkins, Merchant 70 Division Street vice W^m^ Lord resigned

Henry Kipp, Cabinet Maker, 49 Chrystie Street vice Hezekiah Rogers, resigned

James Durand, Shoe Maker, 2 Birmingham St. vice W^m^ Ryker resigned

Burr Wilson, Cabinet Maker, 56 Division Street vice Josiah Woodruff resigned

Edward Palmer, Cabinet Maker 56 Division Street vice Charles Atkens resigned

Fire Engine Company No 3

Wm Lockwood, Boarding house keeper, corner of Pearl and White Hall Streets vice Abram Van Buskirk resigned

Wm Snell, Accountant, 73 Pearl Street vice John Burchan resigned

Fire Engine Company No 18

Dixy Crosby, saddler, 9 Chatham Street vice Samuel E. Shotwell resigned & removed from the City

William C. Wales, Tallow Chandler No 3 Jacob Street vice John M. Lowry resigned

[73] Jethro Mitchell, Grocer, 89 Fulton Street vice James Lowry—removed from the City

Fire Engine Company No 25

Benton W. Halsey—Druggist—62 Catharine Street vice Thomas Foot—resigned

John L. Gale—Silver Smith—217 William Street vice Orlando Herriman—resigned

Harvey White—Jeweller—32 North Moor Street vice Thomas McGuire—resigned

Fire Engine Company No 28

Robert Hadley—Blacksmith—Prince St. near Bd. way vice John A. Tenbrook—expelled.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

1	J. S. & J. S. Watkins	Owners	Greenwich St.	A Lot
2	A. Fitch Wm H. Fitch	Owner Occupt	7 Peck Slip	A Privy
3	Wm Swan	Owner & Occupt	97 Greenwich St.	Do
4	F. Gebhard	Owner & Occupt	93 Greenwich St	Do
5	Thos Platt	Owner & Occupt	34 Chapel St	Do
6	Jno Patterson	Owner & Occupt	51 Barclay St.	Do
7	[74] Jno Rees,	Owner & Occupt	25 Lombardy St.	Do
8	Heny Kingsland	Owner & Occupt	18 Charlton St.	Do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Comptroller presented the following communication.

" The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Board, the following Bonds for property required for the Slip between Roosevelt Street and

James' Slip prepared agreeably to directions from the Committee of Finance.

(signed) Garrit N. Bleecker
Comptroller

" The Ocean Insurance Company in behalf of Robert H. Bowne...	$8590.65
Stephen Allen	1402.50
John Hunter	899.17
Henry Overing	899.17
David Stebbins for himself and Wm F. Baker	3441.78
——— Townsend in behalf of Wm Clark & Solomon Ingersoll..	1882.10
[75] Samuel Thorne	626.45
	$17.741.82

" The Bonds are dated May 10. 1819. payable on or before the 10th day of May 1824. with Interest at six per cent per Annum, payable half yearly.

Whereupon the Bonds were ordered to be executed.

He also presented the following Account of Cash received and Money paid from May 11, 1818 to May 10. 1819 with an account accompanying the same of the items of expenditure, as follows:

" The Comptroller respectfully presents to the Common Council an Account of Cash received and paid, from May 11. 1818—to May 10, 1819.

The Balance in the Treasury, at the date of the last annual return was	$1850.34
Received during the year	682,819.51
	684,669.85
Paid out by Warrants	671,314.83
Balance in the Treasury May 10, 1819	$13.355.02

[76] City and County of New York

Account of Cash Received and Paid from May 11. 1818, to May 10, 1819.

Paid for	Alms house, Bridewell & Penitentiary..	$105,509.12
“	Watch	59,112.89
“	Lamps	25,549.92
“	Fire Department	11,787.08
“	Repairs & improvements in the City....	15,056.
“	Battery	794.
“	Streets, opening & improving..........	126,584.61
“	Canal Street	590.63
“	First Avenue, working	700.
“	Third Avenue “	8,902.25
“	Sixth Avenue “	627.56
“	Avenue D “	215.95
“	First Street “	7,500.
“	Fourth Street	15,348.
“	Ninth Avenue	1,445.73
“	Roads	2,300.
“	Salaries	34,859.94
“	Charitable Institutions	5,280.
“	Register of Dogs, Officers executing the Law	168.
“	Police Office	6,197.69
“	Intestate Estates	127.33
[78]“	Interest	523.24
“	Docks & Slips	65,253.38
“	County Contingencies*	28,829.82
“	Wells and Pumps	2,446.15
“	Excise, for Free School Society.......	1,500.
“	City Stock interest	48,000.
“	Commissioners of Streets & Roads....	663.50
“	Defence Account	210.
“	Board of Health......................	900.
“	Commissioners of Common Schools....	11,064.12
“	Collect filling Ground.................	129.84
“	Common Lands	1,627.99
“	Seven Bonds to Mechanics Bank......	80,499.02
“	Interest on ditto......................	1,011.07
Balance in the Treasury May 10, 1819..........		13,355.02
		$684,666.85

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*[See page 387]

[77]	Balance in the Treasury May 11, 1818	1,850.34
Received for	Vendue Sales	7,500.
“	Excise	10,134.14
“	Tavern licences	7,188.20
“	Mayoralty Fees	1,666.70
“	Penalties	794.34
“	Streets, collected on Assessments	124,506.34
“	Canal Street	5,131.10
“	Third Avenue, collected on Assessments	108.
“	Eighth Avenue, Ditto	991.39
“	Tenth Avenue, Ditto	599.21
“	First Street, Ditto	7,681.64
“	Third Street, Ditto	92.50
“	Fourth Street Ditto	10,500.
“	Seventieth Street Ditto	69.14
“	125th Street Ditto	33.43
“	Fire Department, for Engine N° 16 sold	500.
“	Register of Dogs, Balance	198.
“	Commutation of Alien Passengers.	3,632.
“	Police Office, for property unclaimed	742.90
“	Intestate Estates	1,287.39
[79] “	Interest	1,780.78
“	Docks & Slips	35,831.47
“	County Contingencies	160.
“	Wells & Pumps	5,630.91
“	Arrears of Tax	5,500.
“	Tax of 1817. balance	22,706.41
“	Tax of 1818	201,022.
“	Street Manure	6,500.
“	Ferries	10,407.50
“	Water Lot Rent	8,442.12
“	Ground Rent	15,872.27
“	House Rent	3,525.
“	Common Lands Rent	3,081.33
“	Do. Sales and Interest	112,503.30
“	Loans of Mechanics Bank	66,500.
		$684,669.85

New York May 10. 1819.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

County Contingencies

Interest on Bond to State of New York	$5.400.
Expences of Corporation at City Hall. Fuel—July 4 & Nov^{r} 25. 1818: Road Committee, Gen^{l} Jackson's Visit, Colors for Governours Guard	4.879.13
Assessors of Tax, 1818	2.891.50
[80] Coroner's Fees	2.305.67
Printing, Tax Books & Stationary	1.914.04
Mud Machine	1.483.86
Advertising Assessments and Arrears of Tax, Subscription to Newspapers	1.397.62
Engrossing Laws, Drafting Laws Registering Deeds, Costs of suit and Chancery	1.341.97
Inspectors & Clerks of Election 1818. 1819	1.096.
Aldermen attending Sessions	1.040.
Witnesses at Court, Index to Minutes, Arrears of Tax refunded, Expenses Weigh Master Genl's Office framing Certificate Cap^{t} Lawrence	782.80
Rev^{d} J. Stanford for services at Alms house &c—1818-1819	700.
Iron fence at the Park North side	688.81
For lists of passengers, Maps of Canal Street, Rent of Lot in Spring Street Clock for Mayor's Office, ascertaining Latitude of City hall, Removing Nuisances, Weights & Measures, Peace officer at Justices Court	642.09
[81] Peace Officers attending at City hall on Public Occasions	592.50
Building Grand Street Market	586.12
Laws & Maps for Members of the Board	357.96
Keeper of the Battery, Manure for Park, Experiment for sweeping Chimney's, Machine for do. Stamps for Seals in Clerk's Office	274.25
Carriage hire to Bellevue & Committees	255.50
Counsel fee in suit of G. Peck	200.
	$28.829.82

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The Sinking Fund, in Account Current with the Commissioners—for the Year ending May 10. 1819

Date			
1818.			
Augt. 20	To Cash paid for $3,000 City Stock bought of H. G. Lewis at 102 per cent.		$3,060.00
Oct. 22	To Cash paid for $10,000 City Stock bought of J. G. Coster at 103 per cent........	$10,300.	
	Brokerage ¼	25.75	10,325.75
24	To Cash paid for $4,000 City Stock bought of Isaac Lawrence at 103 per cent..	$4,120.	
	Brokerage ¼	10.30	4,130.30
Nov. 23	To Cash paid for $2,400 City Stock bought of Isaac Lawrence at 100 per cent		2,400.
1819			
Jany 18	To Cash paid for $4000. City Stock bought of P. P. Goelet at 101½ per cent..	$4,060.	
	Brokerage ¼	10.15	
Feby 4	To Cash paid for $6,300. City Stock bought of P. P. Goelet at 100 per cent		6,300.
April 14	To Cash paid for $10,000 City Stock bought of P. P. Goelet at 101½ per cent		10,150.
16	To Cash paid for $1,600. City Stock bought of Isaac Lawrence at 101½ per cent		1,624.
May 10	Balance in favor of the Commissioners		6,226.81
			$48,287.01

Balance in favor of the Commissioners May 11th 1818		4,636.45
By Cash received	for Interest on City Stock....	6,727.50
do	for Street Vaults.............	2,444.44
do	for Market fees	8,710.95
do	for Water Lot Rents.........	2,180.54
do	for Pawn Broker's Licences...	546.63
do	for Hack Licences............	687.
do	for Commutation on Wheat Quit Rents	399.99
do	for Commutation Water Quit Rents	958.51
do	for 25 per Cent. on Sales Common Lands	20,995.
		$48,287.01
Balance in favor of the Commissioners........		$6,226.81

The whole Amount of the Receipts & Expenditures of the Sinking Fund, from the Commencement, Augt 23. 1813 to May 10. 1819

(over)

[84] Received for	Pawnbrokers licences	$4.286.63
do	Hack licences	2.922.
do	Water Lot Rents	9.132.02
do	Market Fees	40.944.44
do	Street Vaults	10.077.06
do	Interest on U. S. Stock previous to sale	525.
do	Interest on City Stock	18.346.
do	Profit on U. S. Stock	299.34
do	Interest on Defence Bond previous to sale	230.18
do	Commutation Wheat Quit Rents	3.999.91
do	Commutation Water Quit Rents	15.312.46
do	Twenty five per cent on Sales of Common Lands	33.877.58
		$139.952.62
Invested in $133,000 City Stock which cost		133.725.81
	Balance May 10. 1819	$6.226.81

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden
" Stephen Allen Ch. Finance Com.
" John Fleming City Treasurer
" G. N. Bleecker Comptroller
Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

[85] Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee of Finance with authority to cause such parts of the same to be printed as they shall judge expedient.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Leonard Street from Elm to Orange Street which was confirmed and N. Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also agreeably to direction presented a plan for a Permanent Sewer for discharging the Waters of the Manetta Brook to the Hudson River—which was directed to be laid on the table for further consideration.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward to whom was referred the Memorial of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening and improving Dover Street, Reported as follows:

" The Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward to whom was referred the memorial of the Commissioners of [86] Estimate & assessment for opening and improving Dover Street stating that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court to be discharged from the further consideration of the same because the damage exceeds any benefit they can discover, beg leave to report the following Resolution

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to concur in the Resignation of said Commissioners and immediately after the same shall have been accepted to move the appointment of other Commissioners to carry said improvement into effect.

Respectfully submitted by
(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" John P. Anthony

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted.

The Committee on Laws to whom had been referred the Petition of [87] George Robertson: Reported as follows

" The Law Committee to which was referred the Petition of George Robertson & the report of the Street Committee thereon stating that in opening thirteenth Street the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment allowed damages to the Hebrew Society for a Lot of Ground belonging to said G. Robertson, Report:

That taking the facts as stated to be true Your Committee can see no reason to induce the Corporation to pay to G. Robertson the amount claimed. The Corporation have no interest in the proceedings other than as trustees for the parties concerned. They derive no emolument from it & if they pay the money, have no claim on the Hebrew Society to have it refunded—Altho' it is a hard case for M^r^ Robertson yet not without a remedy because if the Hebrew Society have received an amount belonging to M^r^ Robertson an action for money had and received will lay to recover it back.

[88] Respectfully submitted by
(Signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

Which having been read was directed to be filed.

The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of John O. Eddo Reported:

" That they have made the necessary inquiry; examined witnesses who corroborate the Statement of the Petitioner, as respects the loss of his horse, by the Agents of the Corporation.

Your Committee have had Simon Fleet before them, who explained to the Satisfaction of your Committee that the Value of the Horse—as testified by him in a certificate annexed to the Petition of the Petitioner is correct, and that said horse was worth 150 Dollars—Your Committee offer the following Resolu- [89] tion

Resolved that a warrant pass this Board for 150 dollars in favor of John O. Eddo to remunerate him for the loss of his horse.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill
" Robert M^c^Queen

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that the Lessee of Public Slips be informed that the Basin or Slip between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip in South Street is now Public Property (excepting the Lots or rights of John Clark or John Mason & of the Estate of Franklin represented by G. Newbold) and that from this date the same be subject to his order & under the regulations adopted for other Slips.

[90] Alderman Thorp agreeably to notice given moved to reconsider the Vote given on the Report of the Finance Committee at the last meeting on the subject of working the Avenues &c &c

The question being taken on the said motion for reconsideration it passed in the Negative—The Ayes and Noes having been required by Alderman Thorp were as follows:

Negative Ald^{n} King Underhill Van Amringe Buckmaster Munson M^{r} Bolton Kip Anthony Westervelt Parker Allen (11)

Affirmative M^{r} Recorder Ald^{n} Morss M^{c}Queen Taylor Thorp M^{r} Akerly (6)

[91] Alderman Van Amringe moved that the Board now take into consideration the Resolution presented by him at the last meeting on subject of the Assessment of the 3rd Avenue and on the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

The Clerk of the Common Council reported that agreeably to the Resolution of the last Meeting he had received from the Clerk of the City and County of New York a Return of the Persons elected to Offices in this City at the late Charter Election, which return under the signature of the said Clerk of the City and County he presented which being read was in the words following

" By the Returns filed in my office it appears that at the late Election of Charter Officers for this City the persons hereinafter named were elected to the Offices set opposite to their respective names.

[92] John Hone	Alderman	First Ward
Thomas Bolton	Assistant	
Samuel McCoun	Assessors	
John H. Bailey		
Daniel J. Ebbetts	Collector	
Robert Graham	Constables	
Peter Hosier		
Elisha W. King	Alderman	Second Ward
Samuel Stevens	Assistant	
William W. Fox	Assessors	
Jacob Drake		
Henry W. Peckwell	Collector	
James G. Rhodes	Constables	
Richard Ellis		
Leonard Kip	Alderman	Third Ward
Harmanus Tallman	Assistant	
Nathaniel C. Griffith	Assessors	
Jackson Haines		
Francis V. Many	Collector	
John W. Kim	Constables	
Henry Graham		
[93] John P. Anthony	Alderman	Fourth Ward
Benjamin Crane	Assistant	
Adolph L. Degrove	Collector	
Lewis Hartman	Assessors	
Peter Bonnet		
James G. Finn	Constables	
Rufus Seely		
John Morss	Alderman	Fifth Ward
John J. Westervelt	Assistant	
George Sutton	Assessors	
Peter Wynkoop		
William Berrian	Collector	
John Striker	Constables	
John M. Lester		
Robert McQueen	Alderman	Sixth Ward
Shivers Parker	Assistant	
Alexander Clark	Assessors	
Abraham Baudouine		
Thomas Mooney	Collector	
Archibald C. Mills	Constables	
Thomas Parker		
[94] Asa Mann	Alderman	Seventh Ward
Stephen P. Brittan	Assistant	
David Lyon	Assessors	
Jameson Cox		
Morris Oakley	Collector	
Robert Phillips	Constables	
Azel Conklin		

Jacob B. Taylor	Alderman	Eighth Ward
David Board	Assistant	
Isaac Emmons	Assessors	
Nicholas Schureman		
Moses Cunningham	Collector	
Samuel Y. Clark	Constables	
Cornelius Stagg		
George B. Thorp	Alderman	Ninth Ward
William A. Davis	Assistant	
Thomas Miller	Assessors	
John Adriance		
Isaac Leggett	Collector	
Joseph Madden	Constables	
Richard Crawford		
[95] Stephen Allen	Alderman	Tenth Ward
Judah Hammond	Assistant	
Samuel Cheeseman	Assessors	
Gideon Ostrander		
John Palmer	Collector	
John Varick	Constables	
Henry G. Disbrow		

New York May 8, 1819
(signed) Benjamin Ferris
Clerk

This being the day prescribed by Law for the persons elected to Office at the Late Charter Election to take the Oaths of Office and to enter upon the duties of the same the Aldermen, Assistants, Assessors, Collectors & Constables mentioned in the foregoing return appeared and took the Oaths prescribed by the Charter and Laws which were administered by his Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council—The newly elected Members having taken the Oaths of Office the board was again formed as follows and the following business was transacted.

[96] Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay, Esq^{r}—Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	Hermanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjamin Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert M^{c}Queen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	William A. Davis
George B. Thorp	Judah Hammond
Stephen Allen	

Alderman Allen moved that the Board proceed to the consideration of the Rules and Orders for governing the Proceedings of the Common Council which was agreed to and the following Rules and Orders were adopted

Rules and Orders
of the
Common .Council
[97] of the City of New York
Passed May 11. 1819

1. Upon the appearance of five Aldermen and five Assistants, the Mayor, or in his absence the Recorder shall take the chair as President, and the members be called to order.

2. Immediately after the President shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read by the Clerk to the end that any mistakes therein may be corrected by the Board.

3. The President shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the Board.

4. The President shall in all cases be entitled to one Vote, and no more.

5. Every Member, previous to his speaking, shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the President.

6. When two or more members shall rise at once, the President shall name the Member who is first to speak.

7. No person shall speak more than twice [98] to the same question without leave of the Board, nor more than once until every member, choosing to speak shall have chosen.

8. No question on a motion shall be debated or put unless the same be seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the President before debate and every such motion shall be reduced to writing, if any member desire it.

9. After a motion is stated by the President, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment.

10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless

1. To amend it
2. To Commit it
3. To postpone it
4. For the previous question, or
5. To adjourn.

11. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without [99] debate

12. The previous question, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments and debate of the main question, and shall be in this form—" Shall the main question now be put?"

13 Every Member who shall be present when a question is put, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him, or unless he be immediately interested in the question, in which case he shall not vote.

14. A Member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide on the case, but without debate: if there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to.

15. All questions shall be put in the order they are moved, except that in filling up blanks the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

16. Upon a division in the Board the names of those who vote for, and of those who [100] vote against the question, shall be entered upon the minutes—if any two Members require it.

17. In all divisions taken by the Board it shall be the duty of the Clerk to enter on the minutes the name of the member calling for the division,

18. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order, unless made at the same meeting, or in pursuance of notice then given for the next meeting after that on which the decision proposed to be reconsidered took place, except by unanimous consent.

19. All Appointments of Officers shall be made by ballot, unless dispensed with by the unanimous consent of the Board.

20. No Member shall absent himself without permission from the President.

21. All committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Committees appointed to report any subject referred to them by the Board, shall report a State of [101] Facts, and also their opinion thereon in writing; and no report shall be received unless the same be signed by a majority of the Committee.

22. Whenever the Doors are directed to be closed all persons, excepting the Members and the Clerk of the Common Council, shall retire.

23. A motion for the order of the day shall take precedence of

all other motions, and is to be considered immediately after the reading of petitions and original communications.

24. The Standing Committees shall be as follows:

1. Applications
2. Assessments
3. Arts & Sciences
4. Canal
5. Charity
6. Ferries
7. Finance
8. Fire Department
9. Lamps

[102] 10. Laws
11. Markets
12. Police
13. Public Lands and Places
14. Public Offices
15. Repairs
16. Roads
17. Streets
18. Watch
19. Wharves, Piers and Slips

Those on Applications, Arts & Sciences, Ferries, Fire Department, Lamps, Laws Repairs and Charity, shall consist of three, and the others of five.

By the Common Council.

(Signed) Jacob Morton, Clerk.

The Clerk was directed to cause to be printed a suitable number of the Rules and Orders accompanied by a List of the Members and the Officers of the Board with their places of residence similar to the one published last year.

[103] Alderman Allen presented a Resolution on the subject of enforcing a punctual attendance of the Members at the Meetings of the Board which was read and laid for consideration.

Mʳ Stevens presented the following Resolution which was agreed to:

"Resolved—that it shall be the duty of the Members of this Board in rotation to visit for the Period of One Month the Alms House and at the expiration of their Month to report to the Board the State of the House—To commence with the Mayor and Recorder and then the Alderman and Assistant of each Ward in succession beginning with the First Ward.

A Report from the Market Committee on the Petition of James Byrne for Stall Nº 26 Washington Market recommending that he be allowed to occupy the said Stand and that his Honor the Mayor grant him a licence for the same was [104] presented and the Resolution proposed agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following* Resolution

Board Adjourned to meet on Monday next, 6 ºClock.

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* The Resolution is not entered, but a memorandum in pencil indicates that it concerned the Jury and Census List.—ED.

[105] In Common Council May 17th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay Esq^{re}—Recorder

Aldermen.
John Hone
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John Morss
Asa Mann
Jacob B. Taylor
George B Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Hermanus Tallman
Benjamin Crane
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Stephen P. Brittain
David Board
W^{m} A. Davis
Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

David Board Esq^{r} chosen at the last charter election Assistant Alderman of the 8th Ward having been prevented by indisposition from attending at the last [106] meeting of the Board, appeared and having taken the Oaths prescribed by the Charter and Laws which were administered by his Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council took his seat at the Board as a member thereof.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by his Honor the Mayor to serve for the current Year.

1. Applications
   M^{r} Board
   Ald^{n} Kip
   M^{r} Davis

2. Assessments
   M^{r} Westervelt
   Ald^{n} Anthony
   M^{r} Bolton
   Ald^{n} King
   Ald^{n} Morss

3 Arts & Sciences
   Ald^{n} M^{c}Queen
   Ald^{n} Taylor
   Ald^{n} Hone

4. Canals
   Ald^{n} Morss
   Ald^{n} Taylor
   M^{r} Tallman
   M^{r} Parker
   M^{r} Davis

[107] 5. Charity
   M^{r} Parker
   M^{r} Bolton
   M^{r} Board

6. Ferries
   Ald^{n} King
   Ald^{n} Mann
   Ald^{n} Anthony

7. Finance
   Ald^{n} Allen
   Ald^{n} Hone
   M^{r} Hammond
   M^{r} Crane
   M^{r} Brittain

8. Fire Department
   Ald^{n} Anthony
   Ald^{n} M^{c}Queen
   M^{r} Tallman

9. Lamps
Ald^n Kip
Ald^n Anthony
M^r Crane

10. Laws
Ald^n King
M^r Bolton
M^r Hammond

11. Markets
M^r Tallman
Ald^n Allen
Ald^n Kip
Ald^n Hone
M^r Westervelt

12. Police
M^r Bolton
Ald^n Allen
Ald^n Thorp

13. Public Lands & Places
Ald^n Hone
Ald^n Taylor
Ald^n M^{c}Queen
M^r Parker
M^r Davis

[108] 14. Public Offices
M^r Stevens
M^r Bolton
M^r Crane

15. Repairs
Ald^n Thorp
M^r Crane
M^r Brittain

16. Roads
M^r Davis
Ald^n Thorp
M^r Board
Ald^n Kip
M^r Hammond

17. Streets
Ald^n Taylor
Ald^n Morss
M^r Brittain
Ald^n Mann
M^r Parker

18. Watch
Ald^n Mann
M^r Stevens
Ald^n Taylor
M^r Board
M^r Westervelt

19. Wharves Piers & Slips
Ald^n Allen
Ald^n Mann
M^r Tallman
Ald^n M^{c}Queen
M^r Stevens

He also appointed the following Committee to carry into effect the Resolution of last meeting, taking a Jury and Census List, Viz: M^r Recorder Ald^n King [109] Alderman Thorp Alderman Taylor Alderman Morss

A Resolution adopted some time since directing that the order of the day should take precedence of all other motions and a Resolution directing that on the Doors being closed every person should leave the chamber excepting the Members and the Clerk of the Common Council, were adopted as standing Rules of the Board and the Clerk was directed to cause them to be printed together with the Rules adopted at the last meeting.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the monthly report of the Keeper of the Bridewell of the persons confined therein. He observed that the late Hour at which it had been furnished to him this day precluded any written communication from him respecting it.

[110] He therefore only observed that the Calendar was small in number and that there were but two cases above the degree of Grand Larceny—for Forgery and Crimes relating to counterfeiting and uttering false money, Offences which had been lately so prevalent there was not one person committed—Whereupon the Report was directed to be filed.

The Superintendent of the Alms house presented the Annual Return of the persons admitted, discharged or died and remaining in the Alms house between the 1st April 1818 and the 1st April 1819. which was as follows:

Annual Report of the Superintendent of the Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary of the City of New York; shewing the number of Paupers, who have been admitted into the Alms House, from the 1st day of April 1818 (including those at that time in the House) to the [111] 1st day of April 1819; and the number discharged, and who died in the house during the same period, also the number of Paupers now in the House designating their sex and places of Birth, the Prisoners and Vagrants in the City Prison, Bridewell and Penitentiary,—the Maniacs in the City Asylum—also an account of Money &c distributed amongst the Outdoor poor by the Commissioners during the time aforesaid.

Paupers in, and admitted in the Alms house from the 1st day of April 1818 to the 1st day of April 1819	3449
Paupers Discharged 1577. Died 379. Total discharged and died	1956
Remaining in the House April 1. 1819	1493

Men 396. Women 468. Boys 374. Girls 255. Total 1493.—City of New York 740. State of New York 93. United States 153. England 81. Scotland 30. Ireland 318. Germany 46. France 16. West Indies 11. African, 5. Total 1493

[112] Number of Vagrants in the City Prison and Bridewell on the 1st *on the 1st* day of April 1819—Men 69. Women 40. Total 109.

Number of Prisoners and Vagrants in the Penitentiary on the 1st day of April 1819. Men 244. Women 119. Total 363.

Cash distributed to the Out-door poor from 1st day of April 1818 to the 1st day of April 1819		$4315.51
Wood distributed 1059 Loads at 14/—15/ & Carting & Pileing	$2695.01	
Potatoes distributed 2000 Bushels at 3/6 Carting & Measuring	922.24	
	———	$3617.25
Hospital Accounts for supporting Maniacs during the last 12 Months		$3491.85

New York April 1st 1819.

(signed) Richard Furman, Supert

Which was directed to be filed.

Petitions from Richard Suydam and [113] Giles M. Whitney for permission to construct two Vaults in Pearl Street between Coenties Slip and Broad Street—a similar petition from Thomas L. Ogden for a Vault in Nassau Street and a similar Petition from Isaac Hatfield for Vault in Greenwich Street were severally read and granted on the usual terms and under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Well and Pump at the North West corner of Greenwich and Beach Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance therefore.

A Petition of Lawrence Martin for Stall N° 11 Spring Street Market was read and granted.

A Petition of William Passman for permission to exchange Stall N° 9 Spring Street Market now held by him for Stall N° 12 [114] of same Market which is vacant and to be licenced for the Latter Stall was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Henry Hyde for Stall N° 2 Greenwich Market.

A Petition of John Taylor for Stall N° 12 Spring Street Market.

A Petition of Samuel T. Weekes to be restored to Stall N° 55 Fly Market formerly occupied by him—A Recommendation in his favor from sundry persons Creditors of the Said S. T. Weekes—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants in the vicinity of Spring Street Market stating that the present Market is not sufficiently spacious to accomodate the Butchers attending the same and praying that a new Market may be erected or the present Market enlarged was read and referred to the Market [115] Committee to report.

A Letter from Jonathan Burrall in behalf of the Managers of the State Lottery requesting the use of a room in the Hall for the purpose of drawing the said Lottery was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter was received from a Committee on behalf of the York & Jersey Steam Boat Company stating that the South Pier of the Steam Boat Basin at Courtlandt Street was greatly out of Repair and requesting the same may be repaired without delay was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Letter from Col. Murray enclosing an Account of expences incurred by a Detachment of Troops under his command on the reception of General Jackson amounting to $20. was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Brant praying on [116] account of his age and Poverty exemption from payment of an Assessment for opening Grand Street was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition from Alexander S. Glass for relief from Tax imposed on him for Lots in Ninth Ward which are not owned by him was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Simeon Freeland to be appointed a Lamp Lighter was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Letter was received from Judah Hammond Esq^{re} stating that having been elected a Member of the Common Council he considered it inconsistent with the usages of the Board that a Member should retain any Office under the Board and therefore begged leave to resign the Office which he held of Public Administrator

[117] He stated that there was some unfinished business which required that a successor should not be appointed until the 7th of June next—The same having been read it was directed to be laid on the Table.

Petitions from Lewis Rogers—Joseph Miller Joseph Osborn—George Duryea and of George Betts for appointment of Street Inspector and of James Buckmaster for the appointment of Public Administrator were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from Nicholas Fish praying relief respecting an Assessment for regulating North Street was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Martinet & Roe on subject of a complaint made to the Attorney against them for incumbering the Street, and of Ab^{m} L. Smith on complaint against him [118] for leaving the grating of his Vault in the Street open were read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that Grand Street between Suffolk and Eldredge Streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that the side walks in Mott Street between Hester and Broome Streets be paved was referred to the Street Committee

A Petition that Varick Street may be regulated and paved between Laight and Vandam Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication from the Street Commissioner stating that two Frame Houses which were erected on the Northerly side of Grand Street encroach upon [119] the Street and as the Street is about to be opened he recommend[s] said Houses should be removed—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication from the City Inspector stating that a Lot on Orange Street N° 1110 of Bayard's East Farm was in a state of Nuisance—was referred to the Street Committee.

A Report of the Street Committee on the Petition for paving Grand Street from Arundel Street to the East River which was presented on the 5th of May and laid for consideration was called up and referred to the Street Committee and the Aldermen and Assistants of 7th & 10th Wards.

A Letter was received from Alexander Robertson Secretary of the American Academy of the Fine Arts inviting the Members of the Common Council to visit their Gallery at [120] the opening of the Exhibition on the 18th instant which being read was accepted.

A Petition from John Anderson and Joshua Jones owners of Property on the North River between Vesey and Barclay Streets stating that there is great want of accomodation for River Craft in that part of the City and praying that orders may be given for running out piers from Vesey and Barclay Streets which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Letter was received from Joshua Barnard stating that he has been a long time employed in boring and searching for Coal Mines both in Europe and in this Country—that he beleives he has discovered a place on the Hudson River where a Bed of Coal will be found and tendering his services to search for the same, which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[121] A Petition from Jesse Wood for appointment as Assistant to 3rd Watch District was read and referred to Watch Committee.

The Council reported as follows:

" The Counsel begs leave to inform the Board that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the Cases of Market and Oliver Streets have been confirmed by the Superiour Court.

The Counsel respectfully recommends that Collectors be appointed to collect the Assessments, And as the Owners of Property fronting on those Streets are desirous that those improvements should go into effect immediately, he suggests the propriety of instructing the Street Commissioner to take the necessary measures for removing the buildings with all convenient speed,

The Commissioners appointed to estimate the value of Ground required for the purpose of extending the inclosures at the New Alms House have made their Report and it has been confirmed by the Superiour Court. [122] Respectfully submitted

(signed) O. Edwards

Whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of Assessment on Oliver Street and John G. Betts on Market Street.

A Petition from sundry owners and occupants in Market Street was received stating that they understood the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate on the Petition for widening said Street had been confirmed by the Superiour Court and praying said improvements may go into immediate effect was read.

A Petition was also received from the Trustees of the Baptist Church in Fayette Street praying they may be permitted immediately to commence the building of their Church which agreeably to the late Regulation of the Street will occupy a part of said Street was also read.

Whereupon the said Two Petitions [123] were referred to the Street Committee with authority to act in relation to the immediate carrying into effect the Improvements of Oliver Street, and Market Street as they shall judge expedient.

The Counsel presented the following:

" The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution a Deed to Isaac Concklin of Lots N^os^ 12 & 13 of the Lots sold by the Corporation near the Washington Market, between Fulton and Dey Streets, which Lots were purchased by him at the Public Sale under the direction of the Comptroller.

Also a Lease to Charles Hall of a lot of Ground in the Tenth Ward fronting on First Street & distinguished by lot Number Two hundred & forty, for the term of sixteen years. This Lot was sold on the 6th March 1817 by the Street Commissioner in pursuance of the Statute to satisfy an assessment for opening the Second Avenue.

(signed) O. Edwards

[124] Which were directed to be executed.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication.

" The Street Commissioner begs leave to state, to the honorable the Corporation, that your honorable body did on the 24th day of March 1817 Ordain, that the Proprietors of Water Grants between Courtlandt Street and Duane Street, should on, or before the 1st day of August the next ensuing—" build up, and make a good and sufficient Bulk head fronting on and extending along the Westerly line of West Street—Some few of the Proprietors, neglected to comply with the said Ordinance, among whom were the Assigneess to the Estate of Robert Fulton, deceased—it now becomes necessary that a Bulk head should be made in Front of that Estate, in order that the Earth used to regulate Dey Street may be prevented from passing into the river.

The Street Commissioner, therefore [125] herewith presents the draft of an Ordinance, that the Object of this communication may be carried into Effect.

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) John McComb
Street Commissioner

Which was approved and the Ordinance therein recommended was passed.

The Attorney represented that complaints had been made at his Office against the Messrs Hitchcocks, Street Contractors for the following causes—Viz: for not sweeping and cleaning Chapple Street—for the like respecting Sloat lane—for the like respecting Beaver lane—for the like respecting Beaver Street—for the like respecting Greenwich Street from the Battery to No 31 and for not removing the filth from Catharine Market—He also reported that a Complaint had been made against Garrit Storm for encumbering the Street—against James Graham for a similar offence and against Joseph Dean a Cartman for throwing coal on the side [126] walk—Whereupon the said several communications were referred to the Street Committee.

The Attorney also requested that the Petition of John Cannon against whom a judgement had been obtained for suspending dyed articles in the Streets may be decided on in order that the same may be closed, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller presented a communication stating that an offer had been made to him for the renting of the Lot corner of Nassau

& Wall Streets, whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee authorising to act in the Premises.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for the correction of sundry nuisances which was passed.

1.	[127] Elias Burger	Lessee	Washington Street	A Lot
2.	Jn^o Anderson Asa Hall,	Own Lessee	Washington Street	D^o
3.	Whitehead Hicks	Own	Bancker Street	D^o
4.	Nath^l Smith	Lessee	Peck Slip & Water St.	D^o
5.	Rob^t Montg^y Livingston	Own	Leonard Street	D^o
6.	John R. Livingston	Own	Chapel Street	D^o
7.	Jn^o M^{c}Dougall Lawrence	Own	Leonard St	D^o
8.	D^o D^o	D^o	Elm Street	D^o
9.	M^{rs} Wiggins	Lessee & Occup^t	Grand Street	A Privy
10.	The Agents of the Estate of the late Charles Stewart and George Wilson	Occup^t	25 Murray Street	D^o
11	Edw^d Wilson Cha^s Crowley	Lessee Occup^t	13 Hague Street	D^o
12	T. A. Runnells	Own	147 Water Street	D^o
13.	D^r Gerardus Cooper M^{rs} Moore Clark & Eggleso	Agent, Occupants	Duane Street and Broadway	D^o

(signed) George Cumings
City Inspector.

[128] A Letter was received from John G. Betts resigning his appointment of City Weigher and returning to the Corporation his acknowledgments for their favors conferred on him—Whereupon Resolved that said Resignation be accepted.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

Hook & Ladder Company N^o 2

Nicholas Deane—Clerk—110 Orange Street v Allan Doughty—resigned

Isaac Underhill—Grocer—20 Cheapside v Henry Peacock—resigned

Fire Engine Company N^o 5

Richard Rikeman—Turner, corner of Nassau & Beekman Sts v. Ja^s R. Reynolds—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 11

James Gulick, Merchant—83 Pearl Street v. Daniel M. Lord—Removed in y^e^ Country

Fire Engine Company N° 12

John Purse—Currier—48 Frankfort Street v. Peter Hegeman—term of service expired

[129] Fire Engine Company N° 13

Gerard C. Aycrigg—Watch maker—Pearl S^t^ & Burling Slip v. Isaac Underhill—resigned

Benjamin M. Underhill—Accountan[t] 240 Water S^t^ v. Jeremiah Vanderbilt—resigned

William W. Loines—Accountant—168 Water Street v. Dan^l^ Oakley—resigned

William Stoutenborough—Account^nt^ 186 Water Street v. William Clark—resigned

Cornelius Agnew—Accountant—313 Water Street v. Valentine G. Hall, resigned

*See for remainder of Firemen page 131

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to.

" Resolved, That it be the duty of the City Intendent to attend unto, and see that the Streets are swept and the Manure &c removed by the Contractors according to their Contracts, and to Report each and every case of neglect or omission to the Attorney of the Board in order that the same may be prosecuted.

[130] The following Resolution was presented.

" Resolved that the Room in the basement Story of the New York Institution granted to the Academy of Arts—and which was formerly the Bake House of the Old Alms house, may be used by the Trustees of the Bank for Savings—for the office of said Trustees, For and during the term, concurrent with the Lease aforesaid to the Academy of Arts—the said Academy thereunto consenting."

Which was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences with power to grant the use of the room agreeably to said Resolution.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that the enlarging extending and improving Harman Street be suspended until the first day of October next.

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common [131] Council procure and deliver to each of the newly elected Members of the Board, a Copy of the Charter of this City—a Copy of the Ordinances of the City—a Copy of the Laws of the State of New York, and a Map of the City—Also ordered that the Superintendent of Repairs furnish to them the staves of Office.

The following Persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company Nº 23

John P. Bailey—Clerk—87 Leonard Street vice Thomas Maurice—resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 28

Frederick Hanigor—Cartman—Liberty Pole vice John H. Smith resigned

Jacob Skiner—Brush maker, 236 Orange Street vice Michael Dietze resigned

Benjamin Davis—butcher—Mercer cʳ Green vice Pine Hopkins resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 31

Jotham Weeks—Grocer—corner of White & Chapple Streets, vice Andrew Colvin resigned

[132] Edward Appleby—Carpenter, Jews Alley vice Peter Wooley—resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 37

Peter Hepburn, Carpenter, Orchard n. Rivington vice Richard Dally resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 39

Jesse Forshee, Accountant—Chapel & Warren Streets vice John Tallman—left the City

Fire Engine Company Nº 40.

Absalom Traver, Grocer—Bayard & Mulberry St. vice Isaac Skaats resigned

John Cornell, Chair Maker, 37 Norfolk Street vice George Farrington Junʳ resigned

Adam Blackledge, Mason, 59 Spring Street vice Benjamin Bedell resigned

Henry Maxson, Carpenter, 3 Prince Street vice Elijah Sniffen, resigned

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 10th Instant			$13.355.02
[133] Accounts Audited			
Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District		$1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark— " 2d "		707.	
Bleakley & Brower " 3d "		406.12	
G. N. Bleecker—Comptr 1 Qr Salary 15 instant	$500.		
Tax pd for Land at Horn's hook ferry, Long Island	1.62		
Postage letters in Public business	1.90	503.52	
Jacob P. Roome, Supert Repairs 1 Qr Salary 14th instant		300.	
Joseph Varick Inspector of bread 1 Qr Salary 17th instant		96.75	
John Burger reguls 4 Public Clocks 1 Qr Salary 1st instant		66.66	
Andrew McCready keeper of the Park 30 days to 11th instant		45.	
Aldn Mesier, attending Sessions 12 days Decr 1818		48.	
Aldn King, attending sessions 12 days Decr 1818		48.	
Aldn Underhill—attending sessions 12 days Jany 1819		48.	
[134] Aldn Van Amringe attending sessions 12 days January 1819		48.	
Aldn Morss, attending sessions 12 days February 1819		48.	
Aldn McQueen, attending sessions 12 days February 1819		48.	
Aldn Buckmaster, attending sessions 12 days March 1819		48.	
Aldn Taylor, attending sessions 12 days March 1819		48.	
Aldn Thorp, attending sessions 12 days April 1819		48.	
Aldn Munson, attending sessions 12 days April 1819		48.	
Geo. Platt, work at Mud Machine 4 Weeks to 9 instant		191.75	
John O. Eddo for injury done his horse by a Fire Engine		150.	
Josh. Leonard for Lists passengers foreign & coasting 6 Mo 1st instant		50.	
George Bowen, Carriage hire 1st & 10th instant		37.50	
Wm W. Todd for Inspectors and Clerks of Election 2d Ward		52.	
[135] David Bryson for Inspectors & Clerks of Election 4th Ward		52.	
Wm Sutliff, Watchman, Witness at Court 4th instant		2.	
Benjn S. Langdon, do Witness at Court 4th instant		2.	
James Gardener, Watchman Witness at Court 12th instant.		2.	
Abisha Smith on Acct flagging side walk—Washington Street		200.	
Chs Mooney—balc paving Spring Street fr. Wooster to Thompson Street		177.43	
Robt Pettigrew for a Well in Arundel Street		44.89	
Thomas Scott balc paving South Street		65.55	
Higgins & Parks balce filling Market Ground at Crane Wharf		667.50	
Henry Cochran balc filling at Fulton Street North River		511.68	
John Randel Junr on Acct Maps &c 9th Ward		379.50	

Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs for repairs & Glazing Lamps in April	152.	
[136] Jacob P. Roome, Supert Repairs for repairs	250.	
J. P. Roome, Supert. Repairs for Stone at the Battery	257.	
Richard Furman, Supert Alms House	5000.	
		$11.992.60
	Balance	$1362.42

Board adjourned to meet Monday next 6 oClock.

[137] In Common Council May 24th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay Esqre Recorder

Aldermen
John Hone
E. W. King
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John Morss
Asa Mann
Jacob B. Taylor
Geo. B. Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Hermanus Tallman
Benjamin Crane
John J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Stephen P. Brittain
David Board
Wm A. Davis
Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition of Andrew Malcom Commander of Brig Poacher was received stating—that he chartered said brig to one Samuel Hurry for a Voyage to Cork and back to New York—[138] that at Cork Hurry took in 63 Alien Passengers whose Passage money he received, that on their arrival at New York Hurry absconded without paying the Charter Money or giving the requisite Bonds for the Alien Passengers for which said Passengers Petitioner was obliged to commute—that said Hurry is without funds or character and Petitioner has no expectation of receiving any thing from him and praying some relief—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Communication was received from Joseph P. Simson sealer of Weights and Measures recommending a revision of the Law respecting Weights and Measures and some Amendments therein which was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Charles W. Noyes, Commander of Ship William from London stating that in a Report which he made of his Passengers [139] an omission was made of the names of two Passengers through the mistake of a Clerk who made out the Report—that a suit had been instituted therefor against him by the Attorney of the Board and praying relief—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had received a communication from the Clerk of the Common Council stating that having been directed to furnish to the newly elected Members a Copy of the Charter the same could not be complied with as the same was out of print and could not be procured, and his Honor suggested the propriety of directing Copies of the same to be printed, and to add thereto the amendments made to the Charter and the Laws of the State in relation to this City—Whereupon the subject was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Michael Fash for further time for payment of an Assessment for improving [140] Green Street—A Petition of J. M. Christie praying remission of a Tax assessed on him in the 5th Ward he being utterly unable to pay the same—and a Petition from Samuel Matthews for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without licence as represented—and praying relief—Whereupon the said several Petitions were referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Joshua L. Pell for the office of Public Administrator—A Petition of Ab. Ackerman and of John Campbell for the Office of Street Inspector—A Petition of Barnt *Hoght* [Slack] for an appointment to some Office—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Henry Merritt for compensation for injury sustained by the pulling down of a house adjoining to his—and a further Petition that five feet of Ground left at the side of his Lot on the corner of Grand and [141] Elm Streets be sold to him was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Recommendation in favor of Margaret McDougall for Hucksters stand in Catharine Market—A Petition from Mary Sentence for a Hucksters stand—A Petition from James Reynolds for Stall N° 6 Essex Market—A Petition of Thomas Harrison for the Southerly corner stall in Spring Street Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition was received from John J. Fink stating that he possessed Stall N° 1. Washington Market—that he exchanged said Stall with William Vonck for Stall N° 14 on certain conditions which conditions said Vonck now refuses to comply with and praying to be restored to his former Stall was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that Division Street may be paved from Chatham to Orchard Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[142] A Petition of Charles Byrne that he may be permitted to sell goods at Auction in the Street in front of his Auction Store N° 179 Chatham Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition that Orange Street may be paved between Spring Street and Prince Street was read and referred to the Street Committee

A Petition of Samuel Cheeseman to be permitted to remove a Frame House from Fayette Street to Essex Street was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 4th & 10th Wards with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Complaint of Nicholas W. Stuyvesant of an undue Assessment laid upon him by the Assessors of the Ninth Ward and praying some relief, and a similar Petition from Alexander Richie—were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments..

[143] A Petition of Barent Story was received stating that for widening Grand Street a part of a Lot owned by him and on which he has erected a house has been taken—that he has been directed to remove the house on the new line of the Street but on account of his indigent circumstances is unable to comply with the order and praying that there may be advanced to him out of the sum awarded to him for his damage sustained sufficient to enable him to remove his house—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition that the part of 31st Street which leads from the 3rd Avenue or from the Old Post Road to the stable belonging to Thomas Storm may be opened was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of George Cooper to be permitted to construct 2 Vaults in front of his buildings in Cliff Street was read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the [144] Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Edward W. Laight remonstrating against the proposed improvement in Grand Street and praying it may be delayed to give the persons interested therein an opportunity of expressing their wishes on the subject was read and laid for consideration.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 8

Francis Odell—Mason—16 Thomas Street vice Joseph Tute—time expired

Isaac Ferdon—Druggist—53 Cherry Street vice John Westerfield—time expired

John S. Jenkins—Grocer—Church & Warren Sts. vice Thomas Monilaws—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 21

William Ripley—Clerk—175 Pearl Street vice Jehiel Jagger—time expired

[145] Fire Engine Company N° 29

Alexander Richee—Dyer—Greenwich, between Hammond & Bank Streets vice Isaac Herring—left the City

Isaac Haullenbeck—Carpenter—Asylum & Perry Streets—vice Jasper Maybee—Removed

Daniel Weed—Carpenter—Hammond Street vice John Dobbs—resigned

Joseph Baldwin—Carpenter—Hammond Street vice Richard Amos Jun^{r}—left the City

Fire Engine Company N° 36

John Copeman—Dock builder—464 Greenwich Street vice William Ryer Jun^{r} resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 41

Abraham Halsey—House Carpenter—Willet near Delancy Street vice Peter Rhodaback—Expelled

Fire Engine Company N° 5

Sylvester R. Taber—Merchant—171 Washington St. vice John Wood—resigned

John Matthews—Accountant—152 Broadway vice Edward Copland—removed from y^{e} City.

[146] Fire Warden for the 3rd Ward

John Van Nostrand—Grocer—78 Murray Street vice John L. Van Kleek—resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed.

1	C. J. Bogart, Jn^{o} G. Bogart,	Owner Agent	508 Pearl Street	A Lot
2	A. W. Hardenbrook,	Own.	Thompson Street	do.
3	Ja^{s} Tuttle,	Owner,	Desbrosses Street	do.
4	R^{t} F. Williams,	Owner,	Anthony Street	do.

5	A. L. Stewart,	Owner,	Watts Street	A Lot
6	Hamilton & Latham	Lessees	Anthony Street	do.
7	D^{k} Lynch, W^{m} Lawrence	Owner Agent	Pump & Collect Streets	do.
8	N. Smith	Lessee,	James Slip & Water Street	do.
9	The President and Directors of the Manhattan C^{o}	Owners	Bleecker Street	do.
10	N^{n} Stockholm,	Owner,	Little Water Street	do.
11.	[147] Jas. Dobbin, Jn^{o} Pintard and F^{s} Champion,	Owner Occupt^{s}	31 Catharine Street	A Privy
12	Jn^{o} Travis	Lessee & Occup^{t}	147 Water Street	do.
13	G. Thomas L. Sandford	Owner Agent	10 Pearl Street	do.
14	J^{s} C. Clark, I. Maquand,	Owner Occup^{t}	12 Pearl Street	do.
15	Gabriel Winter	Owner,	90 Chapel Street	do.
16	Jn^{o} C. Teale,	Owner & Occup^{t}	92 Chapel Street	do.
17	S^{l} Jones, Jun^{r} M. Wood,	Own Occup^{t}	90 Allen Street	do.
18	S^{l} Jones Jun^{r} J. Kent,	Own Occup^{t}	88 Allen Street	do.
19	J. A. Lent, M^{rs} Eli,	Own Occup^{t}	23 Pell Street	do.
20	D^{l} Phillips, M^{rs} Dixon,	Lessee Occup^{t}	66 Bancker St.	do.
21	Jn^{o} Fife, J. Flinn,	Lessee Occup^{t}	32 Barclay St.	do.
22.	Jn^{o} Sparks, J^{s} Rogers,	Own Occup^{t}	81 Duane St.	do.
23.	[148] G. Sands W^{m} Tate & Ab^{m} Gordon	Occup^{ts}	21½ Nassau Street	A Privy

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Ludlow Street near Grand Street—for a Well & Pump in Beach Street near Greenwich Street which were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Ab. Baudouine & John Brower appointed Assessors in the former and John Targee, Ab^{m} Bloodgood & Jacob C. Mott in the latter. He also upon the Report of the Street Committee presented an Ordinance for paving the side walks in Mott Street which was passed and the last named persons were appointed Assessors.

The Street Commissioner also presented a return of Delinquents on an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Reade Street [149] for one in Cliff Street & for regulating & paving Cliff Street—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp Collector to collect the same.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Peter & George Lorillard for a lot of Ground in Augustus Street—A Deed to John Brown for a strip of Ground fronting his Lots in Chatham Street and a Bond & Mortgage from Cornelius Harsin prepared agreeably to order of the Board—Whereupon the Lease & Deed were directed to be executed & the Bond & Mortgage to be accepted.

The Attorney Reported that a complaint had been made to him against Richard Poillon for incumbering Front Street and against John Battin for incumbering the Street with stones—Whereupon they were referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to remit the Penalties if in their judgement proper.

[150] The Committee on the Fire Department on the Petition of the Members of Fire Engine Company N° 22. Reported

" That they have examined Mr Scott Engineer & several other Witnesses who all confirm the Report of the Chief Engineer of the Refusal of Mr McMichael to obey the Orders of the Engineer Mr Scott —and notwithstanding your Committee with great pleasure bear testimony to the great exertions of the Firemen generally to extinguish Fires yet your Committee feel a strong conviction of the necessity of a ready and prompt obedience on the part of the Foreman, in particular, and of the Firemen to obey the directions of the Engineers to secure the speedy extinguishment of Fires, and to insure Order and proper subordination in the Fire Department. Respectfully submitted

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Hermanus Tallman

Which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[151] The same Committee on the Petition of Hose Company N° 1 for an increase of Men, Reported

" That your Committee have had the said Petition under consideration, and have also taken into view the great number of Firemen in this City, and how heavy Jury duty falls on the remainder of the

Citizens eligible to perform that duty & are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted—Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Members of Hose Company N° 1 ought not to be granted.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Hermanus Tallman

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Market Committee on the Petition of John Taylor for Stall N° 9 Spring Street Market—Reported as follows:

" Resolved that John Taylor be allowed to occupy Stall N° 9 in Spring Street [152] Market and that a permit be given him to sell at the same.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petitions of John Cammerdon & Henry Hyde presented the following Resolutions which were agreed to

" Resolved that John Cammerdon be and is hereby allowed to occupy a Stall in Greenwich Market, and to sell at the same under a permit.

" Resolved that Henry Hyde be and is hereby allowed to occupy a Stall in Greenwich Market and to sell at the same under a permit to be given him.

[153] Respectfully submitted

(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

The same Committee on the Petition of William Passman—reported as follows

" The Market Committee to whom was referred the above petition of William Passman asking for liberty to exchange Stall N° 9 for stall N° 12 in Spring Street Market—Offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

[154] The same Committee on the Petition of John Graff—reported as follows,

" The Market Committee to whom was referred the Application of John Graff Jun^{r} for licence for Stall N° 3 Washington Market offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Williams, reported as follows

" The Market Committee to whom was referred the application of Charles Williams for licence for Stall N° 5 Spring Street Market offer the following Resolution

[155] Resolved that the Prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted

The same Committee on the Petition for a New Market at Spring Street Basin or for enlarging the present Market; reported.

" That they have examined the same, and from an estimate made by the Superintendent of repairs are of opinion that the necessary additions may be made for about $160 Dollars.—Offer the following Resolution

" Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be directed and is hereby authorised to extend and repair Spring Street Market agreeable to the above report.

[156] Respectfully submitted

(signed) Hermanus Tallman
" John Hone
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices on the several cases presented by the Attorney of Garrit Storm—John Cannon—James Graham—Joseph Dean, and on the request of the Managers of the State Lottery for the use of a Room in the Hall; Reported

" That in the case of Garrit Storms, complained against for incumbering the Street, Your Committee see no reason why the Penalty should not be exacted.

" That in the case of John Cannon fined for suspending dyed articles in the Street, Your Committee know of no reason why he should not pay the [157] Penalty; they believe he had full knowledge of the existance of the Ordinance.

" That in the case James Graham Your Committee recommend the remission of the Penalty on payment of costs; he was complained against for throwing straw in the Street—his poverty is the reason with the Committee for recommending the remission.

" That in the case of Joseph Dean a Cartman complained against for dumping a load of Coal on the side Walk, and backing his cart thereon, recommend that the Penalty be exacted

" Resolved that the Penalties be exacted from Garrit Storms—John Cannon and Joseph Dean—and that the complaint against James Graham be remitted on payment of Costs.

" The Committee inform the Board that they have permitted the Managers of the Lottery to use the lower basement Storey room to draw their Lottery in.

All which is submitted.

[158] (signed) Samuel Stevens
" Thomas Bolton
" Benjamin Crane

Which was approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Petition for the regulating of Grand Street presented a Report which was read & laid for consideration.

The same Committee on the Communication of the Street Commissioner relative to two houses in Grand Street—Reported

" That they have examined the situation of the buildings and are of opinion that they ought to be removed, and therefore beg leave to present the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the buildings standing on the Easterly corner of Grand and Mulbery Streets—to be removed from [159] off Grand Street on or before the 10th May 1820.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Stephen B. Brittain
" Asa Mann
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks in Mott Street—Reported:

" That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted; and therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that the sidewalks in Mott Street between Hester and Broome Streets be regulated and paved and the Street Commissioner prepare a draft of an Ordinance to carry the same into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
[160] " S. P. Brittain
" Asa Mann
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted, and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The Committee of Charity on the Petition of Samuel Carl—Reported:

" That they have examined said Carl and find he purchased a stock of Groceries in February last from a person by name of Gorhagan together with a transfer of his licence which Gorhagan assured Carl fully authorised him to do business, and said Carl beleived it did until he received a Note from Mr Sherman informing him that a Complaint was lodged against him for selling liquor without licence. Your Committee believe Carl is an Ignorant man and innocently violated the law—they [161] therefore offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board discharge the suit commenced against Sam^{l} Carl for selling liquor without licence on payment of cost.

(signed) Shivers Parker
" Thomas Bolton
" David Board

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller respecting the Lot corner of Nassau and Wall Streets—Reported:

" That owing to certain claims set up by individuals to a front on said Lot while the same was considered and used as a part of Nassau Street, the property has been rendered for several years past, entirely unproductive to the Corporation, & in some measure a nuisance to that part of the City. The Committee are of opinion [162] that an appeal should be made to the Legislature at their next Session, and the question at issue be finally determined, in the mean time, as such appeal cannot be made before the beginning of the next year, the Committee recommend that the Lot be rented to the applicants—Mess^{rs} Blackwell & McFarlan, subject to the provisions contained in the following resolution, herewith respectfully submitted.

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to rent to Blackwell & McFarlan for the sum of One hundred Dollars, the lot of Ground belonging to the Corporation at the corner of Wall and Nassau Streets, for a term, commencing at this date, and ending on the first day of May next—Provided the said Lot shall be only used for the purpose of storing Iron in Pigs and iron Ware, and provided further, that the Corporation retains the right to re-possess the said on any day prior to the first of [163] May next, by giving the Renters fifteen days notice of their intention.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" J. Hammond
" John Hone
" S. P. Brittain
" Benj^{n} Crane

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee to whom was referred the request of the Contractors for the Canal in Canal Street for payment of a portion of the Contract—Reported:

" That by the agreement with the said Contractors when One third of the Work is performed they are to receive 25 per cent of the amount of their contract; that by the certificate of the superintendent which accompanies their application it appears that one third part of the work is now performed, Your Committee are therefore of opinion that the Contractors are entitled to the said payment [164] of 25 per cent of the amount of their contract and which ought to be paid to them; That the Assessors are now engaged in making the Assessment by which the said Amount is to be raised; but that from causes and delays not anticipated it will yet take from 2 to 4 weeks before the same will be compleated so as to be put into the hands of the Collector. The Committee do therefore recommend that a loan be made in order to make them the said payment, to be repaid out of the first monies collected on the said assessment; in order to carry the same into effect they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee loan from one of the Banks in this City the amount of the 25 per cent now due to the Contractors for the sewer in Canal Street on account of said Contract—and that the first moneys collected of the said Assessment is hereby appropriated to the repayment of the said Loan and [165] interest.

(signed) John Morss
" Harmanus Tallman
" Wm. A. Davis
" Shivers Parker
" Jacob B. Taylor

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented the following Resolution:

" Resolved, that a Committee of Seven be appointed to consider and report on the propriety of rebuilding the breach lately made in the battery; and that said Committee report a plan together with the probable expense of compleating the work, and whether the rebuilding may be delayed without further injury until a Law shall be passed authorising a tax to defray the expense, and if not, the expediency of immediately commencing the work."

Which was adopted and the following [166] appointed the Committee. Alderman Allen Hone Taylor Thorp Morss Mr Stevens Parker

Alderman Morss presented the following which was agreed to.

Resolved that the City Intendant hereafter report all cases of neglect or omission of the Street Contractors to the Committee of Public Offices.

Alderman Thorp presented a Resolution directing the Assessors of the 9th Ward to consider the Lamp District as bounded by the Center of the several roads and Streets, which upon the question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative.

[167] The following Resolution was presented and adopted.

Resolved that the subject of the suits commenced against the Contractors for Streets be referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

On motion of Alderman Allen the Board proceeded to elect by Ballot a Commissioner of the Alms house in the place of Augustus Wright Esqre deceased, and on counting the ballots it appeared that Thomas R. Smith was chosen, when it was Resolved that Thomas R. Smith Esqre be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner of the Alms house and Bridewell.

The Comptroller Reported.

Balance in the Treasury 17th Inst	$1362.42	
Recd for Tax of 1818—2d 3d 4th 10th Wards	10.000.	
		$11.362.42

Accounts Audited.

Wm S. Smith, Collector City Revenue 1 Qr Salary 22d inst	$200.	
Book for City Revenue	4.	204.
[168] Jonathan Pinckney City Intendant 1 Qr Salary 19th instant		250.
Thos Franklin Chief Engineer 1 Qr Salary 18th instant		200.
B. Skaats, Keeper City hall 1 Qr Salary 24th instant		100.
Abm Brevoort Inspector of bread 1 Qr Salary 21 instant		100.
Andrew Van Orden, keeper of Battery 1 Month 19th instant		46.18
B. Skaats Expenses for Corporation 1 Qr 24th instant		251.44
J. Sidell to pay Peace Officers attending election in April		223.
J. J. Astor—Rent of Lot Ground Spring Street 1 Qr 1st Inst		7.50
J. McComb Street Commissioner to pay for paving Stone		500.
Chas Mooney on Acct regulating Collect Street		500.
Fredk Yoemans on Acct regulating Mercer Street		400.
[169] Wm Bailey on Acct regulating North Street		200.
J. McComb Street Commissioner to repair Roads		500.
Robt Pettigrew—balance of a Well in Hubert Street		29.75
Peter McAllison balance building Pier at Oliver Street		881.80

J. P. Roome, Supert Repairs, to pay for repairg Docks....	156.	
J. P. Roome, Supert Repairs, to pay Workmen & for Materials	950.	
Isaac Haviland—repairg Hose &c for Engines 9th Jany to 8th May	866.58	
Saml Stilwell, Ground rent of Lot in Chrystie Street for Engine house No 19—1 Year to 1 May 1819..............	20.	
		$6.386.25
	Balance	$4976.17

Board adjourned to Monday next 6 oClock.

[170] In Common Council, May 31, 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Saml Stevens
Leonard Kip	Harmanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjamin Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

A Petition was received from Francis Fowler Lessee of School Room in Rose Street praying an additional apartment may be made—was received and referred [171] to the Committee of Repairs—with a request that they would enquire & report whether Petitioner has given the Security for rent by the agreement with him.

A Petition of Thomas Darling & H. Lettel for permission to construct vaults were presented & laid on the table the Dimensions of the Vaults not being expressed in the Petitions.

A Memorial from a number of Owners of Lots in Grand Street remonstrating against the proposed alteration of the level of said Street was presented & read—The Report of the Street Committee & Aldermen and Assistants of 7th & 10th Wards on that subject & the Memorial of Edward Laight which were presented at last meeting & laid for consideration were called up & together with the memorial presented this evening were referred to the Street Committee & Aldermen & Assistants of 7th & 10th Wards.

[172] A Petition of Silas Lockwood for permission to remove a Frame Building from Chatham Street to Grand Street was read & referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of 4th & 10th Wards.

A Petition of Captain Samuel Evans requesting the use of the Mud Machine for cleaning the Launching slip on Long Island & preparing the ways for the United States Ship of 74 Guns now building was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips with authority to grant the request.

A Resolution of the Board of Managers of the Society for the promotion of Agriculture & Domestic Manufactures was transmitted by William North Esqre the President requesting of the Corporation the use of a room in the City Hall or elsewhere wherein the Meetings of the Society may be holden was read & referred to the Committee [173] on Public Offices.

A Letter of Thomas & James Swords offering to supply the Corporation with the Laws of the State ordered for the newly elected members was read.

A Petition of Wm Craig of the City of New York Merchant was presented, stating that Edward Rogers, late of the City, Mariner, departed this life on or about the month of August 1815 and by his last Will & Testament devised all his Estate Real & Personal to Eleanor Hull wife of George Hull; that said George & Eleanor have from motives of affection duly assigned & transferred all the monies due to the Estate of said Edward Rogers to said Petitioner in Trust and for the use of Alice Rogers—Widow of said Edward Rogers—That in pursuance of the Act in that case made & provided the Public Administrator administered upon the Estate of said Edward Rogers and the Proceeds [174] thereof have been some time since paid by him to the Chamberlain or City Treasurer, and praying that said Proceeds may be paid over to Petitioner in pursuance of said Assignment—Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Elisabeth Street near Prince Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Representation from Robert Abbatt that the Drain between King & Hammersly and Washington & West Streets had given way—that the foot of LeRoy Street between Washington & West Street required filling up and requesting the attention of the Board thereto, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Andrew Colvin for remission [175] of fine for not having the Rates in his Hackney Carriage was read & referred to the Police Committee

A Petition of Catharine Arundel for a stand in the Park for the purpose of vending fruit &c—was referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A Petition of John A Martin for Stall Nº 1 Grand Street Market at Corlaers hook—a Petition of John G. Thompson for the same stall & a petition of John A. Ten Brook for Stall No. 12 Centre Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial of sundry Inhabitants complaining against the conduct of Johathan Weeden Street Inspector & requesting his removal from Office was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Alexander Campbell for the [176] appointment of Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company Nº 7

James Seguine—bookseller—33 Hudson Street vice Jesse Harvey—expelled

Fire Engine Company Nº 26

John Day—book binder—17 Oliver Street vice Jonah Cutting—resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 30

Peter Vreeland—Carpenter—Grand S^t^ near Forsyth S^t^ vice Abraham Delamater—soldier on Bedlows Island

Fire Engine Company Nº 41

John Hyer—Painter—35 Forsyth Street vice Jonathan Baker—resigned

Seth Wheeler—Carpenter—Forsyth near Delancey S^t^ vice Henry Lake—expelled

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for laying the Curb Stone in [177] Hudson Street from Charlton to Hammond Street & for gravelling the Carriage way & side walk & for regulating and paving Anthony Street from Collect to Orange Street which were passed & Jacob C Mott, John Brower & Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors in each.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

1	George Lorillard	Owner	191 Water Street	A Lot
2	M^{rs} Webster	Owner	Thompson Street	do.
3	Charles M^{c}Evers	Owner	Thompson Street	do.
4	Jn^{o} Beekman	Owner	Spring & Broome Street	do.
5	Peter Ogilvie	Owner	Delancey Street	do.
6	D^{o}	D^{o}	Rivington Street	do.
7	Nic^{s} Shureman—	Lessee & Occup^{t}	Spring Street	do.
8	Rob^{t} Cochran D. Robertson	Owner Occup^{t}	144 Chrystie Street	A Privy
9	P. Conway C. & D. Haight	Owner Occupt^{s}	Chrystie & Grand Street	do.
10	L. Van Loon J. M^{c}Cormick	Lessee Occup^{t}	56 Harman St	do.
11	[178] C. Cutter, R^{t} De Grushe, Ja^{s} Chaple,	Owner Agent Occup^{t}	145 Lombardy Street	do.
12.	E. Anderson	Owner	16 Broome Street	D^{o}

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Attorney presented the following cases of complaints of Infractions of the Laws which had been made to him: viz—John W. Phillips a Cartman for driving his cart without a number—Matthew Jordan for selling liquor without license—Mess^{rs} Hitchcocks Street Contractors for not sweeping Orange Street—Levi Forshee for selling liquor without licence upon which case M^{r} Tallman presented a Resolution remitting the penalty on payment of costs, which was referred with the Petition—Noah Brown for incumbering the Street—John Murray for leaving the Grate of his Vault in the Street open without a Curb round it—and against Captain James W. Travis for delivering [179] Stock from his Vessel to Butchers on Sunday accompanied with a Petition from Captain Travis—Whereupon the above cases were referred to the Committee on Public Offices—And it was Resolved that in all references of Complaints from the Attorney unless otherwise specially directed the said Committee on Public Offices have power to give such directions respecting the prosecution of suits on the remission of Penalties as they shall judge right & proper without reporting thereon to the Board.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Resolution impowering them to purchase a Lot of Ground whereon to place the Engine House standing in Canal Street—Reported,

"That they purchased of M^r John Ferguson for Forty two Years, Nine Months and Ten days a piece of Ground Fifteen feet on Watts Street and Twenty five feet deep for the sum of Three hundred & fifty dollars—Respectfully offer the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Comptroller be [180] requested to Report a Warrant in favour of J. P. Anthony, chairman of Committee on Fire Department for the sum of Three hundred & fifty dollars.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen
" Harmanus Tallman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Subject of the Breach made in the Battery together with other matters relative thereto Reported

"That the injury to the Battery occasioned by the Storm of Last Summer, owing to the state of the Bulkhead which supported the adjacent ground, is extended nearly around the whole of that Promenade; and unless some effectual measures are adopted to stop its progress, the next storm in all probability will destroy that part of the Bulk head still remaining, and carry [181] with it a great portion of the Earth forming the main walk of the Battery. The Committee are of opinion therefore, that no time should be lost by the board in adopting such measures as will be at least a preventative to further injury; as any delay will only tend to widen the breach and utimately increase the expense of repairing it. The Subject is one of considerable magnitude, both as it respects the amount to be expended and the time required to compleat the work, and as the resources of the Corporation are inadequate to the necessary disbursement for such undertaking, without a Special tax for the purpose; and one Season is evidently too short to compleat the whole of the work, the committee are of opinion that the necessary sum should be raised by a special tax on the City, to be apportioned by the Supervisors among the several Wards, as in their judgement will be just and equitable; and that only so much of the work should be contracted to be done this summer, as will prevent the injury already [182] sustained from increasing, and preserve the earth forming the battery in the state it now is.

The Committee herewith present a Map and plan of the contemplated improvement being the same reported by a former Committee on this subject, except that the present line is extended 25 feet less in the River than the former was, and will in their opinion form a promenade sufficiently large for every useful purpose, and at the same time lessen the expense several thousand Dollars.

The plan proposed by the Committee is to form a reef of common dock stone on the line shewn by the Map to be raised to the height of Low water mark, and when compleated to have a surface of 15 feet at it's top. This it is presumed will be a sufficient foundation to erect such barrier as will resist the pressure of the water on the one hand, and the earth on the other. The Committee beleive that the construction of this reef will be all that can conveniently [183] be performed in the present summer; and even if more could be performed, the Committee doubt the policy of permitting it, as some time ought to be allowed for the settling of the Reef or foundation, besides the saving in expense, by procuring the filling to be done through the winter months and preparing the materials for building the wall or barrier will be considerable, and thus the work will be in progress against the next spring, when that part of the plan ought to go into full operation.

The estimates of the expense of making the Reef or foundation has been made with due care, and the Committee beleive it will not exceed the sum of 14,610 Dollars.

The manner of constructing the wall together with the expense of that part of the plan including the filling, and the means for raising the sum necessary to defray the whole amount required, will be reported hereafter, and the Committee therefore close this report by offering the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner [184] under the direction of this Committee, be instructed to enter into contracts for the construction of a Reef around the Battery, to be laid on a line designated on the Map accompanying this report, such Reef to be formed of common Dock Stone, and to be raised to the height of low water mark, and when compleated to form a surface at its top of 15 feet and at its base of 45 feet, & that he contract also for driving so many piles in order to designate the Line of said Reef as may be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" John Hone
" John Morss
" Jacob B. Taylor
" George B. Thorp

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution therein proposed it was carried in the affirmative, the Ayes & Noes having been called by Mr Board were as follows.

[185] Affirmative Alderman Hone King Kip Anthony Morss McQueen Taylor Thorp Allen Mr Bolton Stevens Tallman Crane Davis (14)

Negative Aldermen Mann Mr Westervelt Parker Brittain Board Hammond (6)

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Barent Story, Reported:

" That having made the necessary inquiries they are satisfied the facts set forth by the Petitioner are true, and that the amount awarded him by the Commissioners on Grand Street is 634 Dollars payable on the first [186] day of September next.

The Committee beleiving the case of the Petitioner to be one which is entitled to relief, and he being willing to allow the interest on such sum as may be advanced him, until the same shall become due, have agreed to recommend that his request be granted, and offer the following Resolution accordingly.

Resolved that a Warrant pass in favor of Barent Story for 400 Dollars, leaving part of the sum awarded him for damage in widening Grand Street; and that the Comptroller be instructed that, at the time of paying the balance of said award, he deduct such sum as will amount to the interest on the 400 Dollars now ordered to be paid said Story in advance.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" John Hone
" J. Hammond
" S. P. Brittain
" Benj^{n} Crane

[187] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

An Account was received from Thomas W. Gilbert stating the amount of monies received by him for arrears of Taxes which was referred to the Finance Committee

The Street Committee on the subject of paving the Bowery from Broom Street to Art Street Reported,

" That they have carefully examined the situation of the Bowery, and are decidedly of opinion that it ought to be paved from Broome to the Northerly side of Jones Street, and they beg leave to offer the following: Resolution, Resolved that the Bowery be paved from the present pavement at Broome Street to the Northerly side of Jones Street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

[188] Whereupon the Resolution was adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for paving Orange Street Reported,

" That the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, and they therefore beg leave to present the following Resolution

Resolved that Orange Street be paved between Spring Street to Prince Street, and that an Ordinance be passed for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" S. P. Brittain
" Asa Mann

Whereupon the Resolution was adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for paving Washington Street, Reported

" That on a careful examination of the situation of Washington Street, they are of opinion that the pavement ought [189] to be extended to Watts Street, And they beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Washington Street be paved from the pavement at North Moore Street, to Watts Street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" S. P. Brittain
" Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for repaving Division Street, Reported

" That they have examined the condition of the pavement in Division Street, and are satisfied that it cannot be repaired, they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

[190] Resolved that Division Street be repaved from Chatham Street to Orchard Street—and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
“ John Morss
“ Shivers Parker
“ S. P. Brittain
“ Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Charles Byrne, Reported

“ That they have given this application due consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioner may be granted—The[y] therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that Charles Byrns be permitted to sell goods at Auction on the Street in front of his store at N° 179 Chatham Street.

[191] (signed) Jacob B. Taylor
“ John Morss
“ Shivers Parker
“ S. P. Brittain
“ Asa Mann

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for paving Varrick Street—Reported,

“ That in their opinion the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted—They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution,

Resolved that Varick Street be regulated and paved from the present pavement at Laight Street to Vandam Street, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
“ John Morss
“ Shivers Parker
“ S. P. Brittain
“ Asa Mann

[192] Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the Assessment for regulating

& paving Collect Street presented a Report—The Report of the Street Commissioner was in the words following:

"The Street Commissioner to whom was referred the memorial of Leonard Fisher & others complaining of the Assessment for regulating and paving Collect Street.

Respectfully reports, that on the 23rd March 1818—an ordinance was passed for regulating Collect Street from Pearl to Canal Street—the expense of which regulation amounted to $6.714.80 and which sum was regularly assessed on each of the four Blocks in proportion to the quantity of earth required for filling [193] each, and that $300. only was assessed on the block owned by your Memorialists, at the time the Contract for filling & regulating was made, it was not determined when the Street should be paved, of course it was filled up rather higher than would have been necessary, if it had been known that the Street was to have been paved immediately after, as the Order for paving was given on the 29th June following. As it respects the complaint of your Memorialists, that the[y] have been overcharged for paving the Street, the undersigned has carefully examined the Assessment, and finds it correct, and has only to regret that, the peculiar condition of the Street owing to its soft and unsettled state, should have required the work to be done in a more substantial & of course expensive manner than is usual, whereby it has been more burthensome to the owners of property on the Street generally as well as your memorialists.

The undersigned is of opinion that your Memorialists are not more intitled to relief [194] than the other proprietors on the Street, and who have paid their assessments without complaint.

Which is respectfully submitted

(Signed) Jn° McComb
Street Commissioner

The Report of the Street Committee was as follows;

"The Street Committee to whom the above Report of the Street Commissioner was referred,

Report, that they have given the subject due consideration, and are of opinion that the Assessment has been correctly laid—with the exception of $20. which your Committee think the Memorialists ought not to be charged with—they therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution,

Resolved, that a deduction of Twenty dollars be made on the Assessment for regulating & paving Collect Street and which deduction the

Street Commissioner [195] is authorised to make on the Assessment for paving between Pearl & Anthony Street.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" S. P. Brittain

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen stated that a Petition had been presented to the Board on the 20th April 1818 for continuing South Street to its Junction with Front Street—which had been referred to the Committee on Wharves who on 22d June reported thereon & that that Report had been agreed to—An Ordinance in pursuance of that Report had been presented on 29 June & laid for consideration—that a Remonstrance against said Measure had been presented 13th July & no further Proceedings had been had thereon—As however the circumstances of that application was now changed by the erection of a Public Slip or Basin at that place he moved that the [196] whole of the subject be now referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips which was agreed to.

Alderman Mann presented the following

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the opening of Harman Street which was adopted, and the following were appointed the Committee Alderman Mann Taylor Mr Brittain—Davis & Stevens.

Alderman Allen presented the following which was adopted

" Resolved that the Clerk provide a Book for the purpose for entering the standing resolutions which have been or may be passed by the Common Council; and that he procure such Resolutions to be recorded in said Book and properly indexed, at the expense of this Board.

Alderman Morss moved that it be [197] extended to all Laws and Amendments to Laws which shall from time to time be passed—which was agreed to.

On motion of Alderman Allen Two Members were added to the Police Committee & Mr Stevens & Alderman Kip were appointed—And on motion of Alderman Morss two members were added to the Committee on Public Offices & Alderman Morss & Mr Davis were appointed.

The Comptroller Reported.

Balance in the Treasury 24 Instant	4976.17
Recd for Common Lands	2052.
" Tavern Licences	1829.40

Recd for Arrears of Tax	400.	
" Streets	2909.35	
" 4th Street	1150.	
" 6th Avenue	100.	
" 8th Avenue	100.	
" Wells & Pumps	157.28	
" Excise	3346.50	
[198] " Vendue Sales	2500.	
	19.520.70	
Loan of Mechanics Bank to pay ¼ of Contract for building the Sewer in Canal St	19.450.	$38970.70

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st Disct	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark—Watch 2d Do	707.
Bleakley & Brower—Wat[c]h 3rd Do	413.
Ogden Edwards—Counsel 1 Qr Salary 27 Instant	125.
George Cuming—City Inspector, 1 Qr Salary 28 Instant	312.50
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 Month 1st June	52.
Obadiah Ayres—Asst City Inspector 1 Month 1st June	52.
Samuel Hutchings—Street Inspector—1 Month 1st June	52.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—1 Month 1st June	52.
Austin & Cochran—Messengers 1 Month 1st June	60.
[199] Ogden Edwards—Counsel—trying causes & drafting sundries	160.39
Editor Evening Post 6 Months subscription 6th April	75.
Fine, See & Co Carriage hire Road Committee	18.
James Warner Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 26th instant	250.
James Hopson—Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 26th instant	250.
Charles Christian, Special Justice 1 Qr Salary 26 instant	250.
B. Oblenis, Clerk in Police Office 1 Qr Salary 26 instant	250.
R. Stephens, Asst Clerk in Police Office 1 Qr Salary 26 instant	225.
John S Dusenberry for Officers conveyg persons to Penitentiary 1 Qr 26th instant	88.75
Jacob Hays for Officers conveyg persons to Penitentiary 1 Qr 26th inst	64.50
Jacob Hays Officers extra service in Police Office 1 Qr 26 instant	49.
[200] Fredk Yoemans on Acct regulating Mercer Street	400.
Jas Pinkerton sundry repairs of pavements	163.73
Henry Voorhis 1st Instalment Well in Suffolk Street	52.20
Geo. Lovett extending Pier on So West Side Spring Street Slip	7297.45
Thos Barnum, Supert Wharves & Piers 24 days to 30th instant	48.
G. Snethen, Superg & Lighg Lamps 1 Month to 1 June	740.32
Jacob Smith Jr Fire Engine No 16 $800 & Repairs $86.75	886.75

Richard Furman Supert Alms house	5000.	
Gideon Tucker One of the Contractors for building Sewer in Canal Street. One fourth of payment	19,450.	
		$38.687.34
	Balance	$283.36

Board adjourned to Monday fortnight 5 oClock:

[201] In Common Council June 14th 1819.

Present Peter A. Jay Esqre Recorder—President

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	Harmanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of Last Meeting were read & approved.

A Memorial was received from Daniel D. Tompkins Lessee with Noah Brown of Pier No 1 at the Battery—stating that indecent persons were in the habit of bathing at the wharf destined for the Steam Boat & in view of persons walking on [202] *on* the Battery & proposing to run a fence across for the prevention of such indecencies at his own expense & to be removed when required by the Corporation—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of First Ward.

A Memorial was received from Jacob Hays High Constable, stating his long services in that office & the arduous duties he performs and requesting some additional compensation therefor, which being read was referred to the Police Committee.

A Letter from P. H. Wendover Esqr addressed to his Honor the Mayor requesting in behalf of the Commissioners of the Common School Fund the sum appropriated by Law to them in order that they make a distribution of the same among the several Schools of the City—was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

[203] Petitions were presented from John S. Goold & Thomas Zabriskie for remission of fines for not having rates in their Hackney Carriages which were referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Michael Cunningham for relief from Penalty incurred by selling Articles without having License as a Pedlar was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that side walks in Hudson Street from Spring Street to Charlton Street be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

Petitions of Robert Morris & James Demarest for appointment of Street Inspector were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition for a Well & Pump in Lombardy Street near Corlaers Street was presented and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

[204] A Petition of John G. Welsh for remission of fine for incumbering the Street was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition that the side walks in Broome Street between Broadway & Bowery may be paved was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Complaint was received from a number of Inhabitants of Carmine Street that a person was about erecting buildings & establishing a Starch Manufactory in that Street which would be greatly offensive to the Neighbourhood, was read & referred to the Public Committee.

A Petition of John Sidell First Marshall that the Privilege of granting Booths around the Park on the ensuing 4th of July may be assigned to him—was read & referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places with authority to grant the same as they shall judge expedient.

[205] A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants that Boats are not kept on Grand Street Ferry agreeably to the terms of the Lease to the Lessee of said Ferry & the Public greatly inconvenienced thereby—was presented & referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Communication from Benjamin Watson, Register of Dogs on the difficulty of executing the Law respecting Dogs & proposing the establishing of a Pound where Dogs may be sent to which are found running at large and there kept for a short period and if not redeemed then to be destroyed—was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition in behalf of Ann Nicholson for permission to construct two Cisterns under the Street in Ann Street, was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of Petitioner.

A Petition of Hook & Ladder Company Nº 3 [206] for an additional number of men to said Company was referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

A Petition of Lawrence Anderson for remission of Fine incurred by selling liquor without Licence was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Jacob Rabineau, Keeper of the Salt water Bath stating that the Law respecting Bathing is insufficient & requesting amendments thereto was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Albert Borden for permission to construct a Vault in Sullivan Street was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of Ward & Street Commissioner to grant on usual terms.

An invitation from Charles Watts to the Members of the Corporation to witness the experiment of the Horse Boat propelled by [207] two horses only and to cross to Wehawk on said Boat was read & accepted for Wednesday next at ½ past 3 °Clock.

A Petition that the side walks in Mott Street between Pump & Hester Streets may be widened was read & referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioners.

A Petition of John Cannon for remission of fine incurred under Law prohibiting drying Clothes in the Streets—was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that the Law respecting Dogs may be repealed so far as relates to the Inhabitants residing without the Watch & Lamp Districts was presented & read—Mr. Davis presented a Resolution exempting the Inhabitants of the 9th Ward residing to the North of 13th Street from paying the Tax imposed by Law on Dogs—Whereupon the Petition and Resolution were referred to the Police Committee.

[208] A Petition that a Butchers Licence may be granted to John Wolfe who had served an apprenticeship to said business in England. and Petition from Thomas White for Stall N° 30 Catharine Market & of Peter L. Fowler for Stall N° 10 Spring Street Market were severally read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial from Christian Heiser was received stating that in 1817 he purchased a small Triangular piece of Ground corner of Reade & Hudson Streets in the expectation of getting the adjacent Lot in which he has been disappointed—that the same is inconvenient & unsightly to the Street & forms an Obstruction therein & offering to cede the same to the Corporation on repayment of what the same has cost him—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Henry Roff for remission of fine incurred by skreening or sifting lime [209] in the Street was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition was received from Philip Briggs for remission of Fine incurred under the Fire Law & was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Remonstrance of Gurdon S. Mumford against the proposed alterations in Bleeker Street was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

An Application from Sundry Butchers in the Catharine Market that a Public Scale may be established in said Market was read and referred to the Market Committee with authority to grant the Prayer of the Petitioners.

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants residing in Greenwich Street in the vicinity of Charlton, King & Hammond Streets that Manure is deposited on Vacant Lots to the great annoyance of the Neighbourhood was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 8th Ward.

[210] A Petition from the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company praying further time to comply with an Order directing the filling up of Lots lying in Bleecker between Mercer & Green Streets was presented and read and Resolved that the time be extended until the first day of August next.

A Petition from Samuel Thompson was received stating that he was about erecting a four Story house in Pine Street opposite the French Church—that he was in treaty for the purchase of the Lot corner of Nassau and Pine Streets, but wished to procure with it a small strip of Ground belonging to the Corporation running from Pine Street to the Custom house, which said Strip of Ground he requested might be sold to him—Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to sell the same if they deem it expedient.

A further Petition of Saml T. Weeks to be [211] restored to his Stall in the Fly Market was read & leave given Petitioner to withdraw his Petition.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed, Viz:

1	G. Lorillard,	Owner	Thompson Street	Lots
2	A. Hammond,	Owner	between Broom, Grand, Lawrens & Green Streets	Do
3	Messrs Baker, Sandford & Debevoise,	Owners	Canal Street	Do
4	Rt F. Williams,	Owner	Anthony Street	Do
5	B. R. Kissam,	Do	Eldridge Street	Do

6	Wm Wilkins	Owner	Rivington Street	Lots
7	Ruggles Ruggles	Do	Do	Do
8	——— Laight	Do	Do	Do
9	Stephen *Gorum* [Gorham]	Do	Do	Do
10	P. Schermerhorn,	Owner	12 Fulton Street—A Privy	
	Smith & Underhill	Occupts		
11	Mr Griffiths	Owner	87 Division Street	Do
	Thos Hays,	Agent		
	P. G. Clark	Occupt		
12	R. Dickson	Owner	33 Orange Street	Do
	J. Hudson	Occupt		
13.	[212] R. Dickson	Owner	35 Orange Street	Do
	Wm Edmonds	Occupt		
14	E. Knowlton	Owner	84 Cross Street	do.
	Wm Kelly	Occupt		
15	Js Meghan	Owner	90 Cross Street	do.
	B. McGaraghty	Occupt		
16	E. Livingston	Owner	92 Cross Street	do.
	Thos Miller	Agent		
	Amelia Wells	Occupt		
17	Wm Ross	Owner	47 Lespinard Street	do.
	Jas G. Evans	Occupt		
18	P. D. Kittletas	Owner	88 Roosevelt Street	do.
	S. Holt	Occupt		
19	F. Platt	Owner	94 Hester Street	do.
	J. Haywood	Occupt		
20	Jno Allen	Owner & Occupt	46 Allen Street	do.
21	Jas Hetherington	Owner & Occupt	Broome & Forsyth Streets	do.
22	Henry Rutgers	Owner	159 Division Street	do.
	Wm B. Crosby	Occupt		
23	E. Billington	Owner	36 Robinson Street	do.
	P. Kesler	Occupt		
24.	[213] G. Little	Owner	27 Essex Street	do.
	L. Rose	Agent		
	D. Lefferts	Occupt		
25	P. W. Radcliff	Owner	Stanton and Eldridge Streets.	Do
	A. Jenkins	Occupt		
26	Jno Ackerman	Owner	62½ Barclay Street	Do
	J. D. Bird	Occupt		

27	Mr Coburn	Owner	203 William Street—	A Privy
	G. Hodgson	Agent		
	T. Tait	Occupt		
28	Mr Coburn	Owner	17 Frankfort Street	Do
	G. Hodgson	Agent		
	S. Griscolm	Occupt		
29	Wm Robertson	Owner	151 Chamber Street	Do
	H. Storey	Occupt		
30	Jacob D. Campbell,	Owner & Occupt	28 Thomas Street	Do
31	Josh P. Pell	Owner & Occupt	74 Courtland Street	Do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented for execution the following Deeds which were directed to be duly executed, Viz:

A Deed to John Van Bussum & James B. [214] Oakley of Lot No 10 of the Lots near the Washington Market which were sold by order of the Board. This Lot was purchased by John Van Bussum & the deed is made out to him & James B. Oakley by his request.

Also a Deed to Garrit H. Van Wagenen & another to Robert Carnley of two Water Lots. The premises described in these Deeds were originally granted by the Corporation to Garrit H. Van Wagenen who sometime since applied to the board for permission to surrender the same & to have separate grants made to him and Robert Carnley. The Deeds are drawn in pursuance of the order made upon his Petition by the Board, excepting that they contain about Two feet seven inches more in width than was comprised in the Deed to Van Wagenen: but from the survey made by Howard Doughty one of the City Surveyors it appears that they own the upland to that extent in front of the Water Lots. The Quit has been increased accordingly.

The Counsel also submits for execution [215] Deeds to Robert Dodge, The Baptist Church in Fayette Street, William L. Simers, Henry Rutgers and Peter Parks of those parts of Fayette Street which lie in Front of their respective Lots. These Deeds have been drawn in pursuance of the covenants entered into between those persons respectively and the Corporation.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Ogden Edwards

The Attorney reported the following Complaints which had been made to him—Viz: against E & Wm M. Hitchcoks for not removing the dirt from Water Street in vicinity of Scammel Street—against Harman LeRoy for leaving open his Vault in the Street—against Mess^{rs} Hitchcocks for not removing the filth from the Gutter near Washington Market and for not sweeping Beaver Street—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

He also stated Complaints had been made against John Wardelen and Frederick Valentine for washing their horses at the Pumps in the Streets—which were [216] referred to the Committee of Charity with Authority to remit the Penalties incurred.

The Chief Engineer presented the following.

" The Chief Engineer respectfully reports; that agreeably to directions of the Board, the floating engine boat, with the barge, boat house &c were sold at Auction (in three different Lots) by Irving Smith & Holly on the 5th Instant the Nett proceeds whereof was Sixty one dollars, & that he has paid the same to the City Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer

Which was ordered to be filed.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Hook & Ladder Company N° 3

Henry G. Guion—Carpenter—Broome St near Clark Street vice Alexander Thompson—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 4

Abraham Suydam—Merchant—Cortlandt Street N° 12 vice Francis Peckwell—resigned

[217] Richard J. Thorne—Merchant—353 Pearl Street vice W^{m} Hardenbrook Jun^{r} Resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 10

Benj^{n} Bedell—Grocer—Corner of Bowery & Stuyvesant Street vice Joseph Graham Jun^{r} resigned

Bishop A. Russell—White Smith—corner of Washington & Harrison Streets vice Nicholas Schureman

Fire Engine Company N° 11.

Elias Mowatt—Accountant—137 Pearl Street vice Abraham Van Nest—Time expired

Samuel B. Warner—Sail Maker—68 Front Street vice Richard Duryee Jun^{r} Made Fire Warden

Joseph Swain—Merchant—62 William Street vice James Bloomer—resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 18

Moses White—Accountant—10 Cliff Street vice Gerardus Post—Time expired

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 21

Joseph Petit—Mechanic—75 Fulton Street vice George C. Harriot—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 27

Moses Beadle—Soap & Candle Maker—Hudson St. above Spring St. vice Martin Powlis left the City

[218] David Fowler—Carpenter, Hudson S^{t} above Spring St vice Joseph Moore resigned

George Hulberton—Mason—Spring Street vice John M^{c}Clave, expelled,

Henry Van Riper—Cartman—Charlton Street vice Joseph Underhill—left the City.

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 39

George E. Richard—Jeweller—153 Broadway vice W^{m} Carlisle—resigned

Philip S. Roulet—Merchant—180 Chamber Street vice Thomas W. Hoyt—resigned

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of sundry delinquents on Assessments which had been returned by M. De Camp the Collector which was directed to be referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments—Viz: for opening Varrick Street from Van Dam to the Centre of Hammersly Street—for Repaving Spring Street—Paving Collect Street—Regulating [219] Wooster Street & regulating Laurence Street—for a Well & Pump in Willett Street & in 2^{d} Avenue—Whereupon Warrants were directed to issue to the Collector to collect the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed and the following Persons appointed Assessors in each—Viz: for Regulating & paving the Bowery from Broome Street to Northerly side of Jones Street—for repaving Division Street from Chatham to Orchard Street—for paving Orange Street from Spring Street to Prince Street—for paving Orange Street from Spring Street to Broome Street—and John Targee—Abm. Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assesors in each. Also for regulating & paving Varrick Street from Laight to Van Dam Street—for paving Washington Street from North Moore to Watts Street — Jacob C. Mott—John Brower & Ab^{m} Boudouine were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating Grand Street from Forsyth Street to Suffolk Street and for a Well & Pump in Suffolk near Broome Street—which were confirmed [220] and Noah Jarvis was appointed collector in the former & Morris De Camp in the latter.

The Comptroller presented the following

"The Comptroller respectfully reports, that he has examined the Account of B. Skaats, Keeper of the City Hall, with the Receipts for fuel purchased, & finds a balance due to the Corporation this day, of $41.87 which will be carried to a New Account."

Which was directed to be filed.

The Committee on Public Offices to whom was referred the communication of reprinting the Charter & certain of the State Laws relating to the City of New York: Reported

"That they *they* [think] that the Charter with the Amendments should be reprinted, but they do not see the necessity of reprinting any of the State Laws relating to the City, as they all are to be found in the Volumes furnished by the Board to the Members. they recommend the following Resolution—Resolved [221] that the Committee on Public Offices have contracted for, and published the Charter of the City with the several amendments thereto, The Edition to consist of Two hundred & fifty Copies.

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" John Morss
" Benj^{n} Crane

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Watch Committee on the several Petitions for appointment of Office of Assistant to Captain of 3rd District City Watch: Reported

"That they have taken the subject under their consideration & find that said office has become vacant by the Removal of the former Foreman Isaac out of the City & Recommend said Office to be filled by the appointment of John Traphagen & recommend the following Resolution. Resolved that John Traphagen be and is hereby appointed Foreman of the City Watch in the third District under Captain Andrew Blakely.

[222] (signed) Asa Mann
" Samuel Stevens
" David Board
" Jacob B. Taylor

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted & John Traphagen appointed thereto.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences on the application of the Savings Bank Reported,

"That in pursuance of a Resolution of the Common Council of the 17th May last on the application of the Trustees of the Bank for Savings, they have with the consent of the American Academy of the Fine Arts, given the assent of this Corporation that the said Trustees may occupy the room in the basement Story of the New York Institution, formerly the bakery of the Old Alms house for and during such period of the unexpired lease of this Board to the Academy aforesaid, as the latter may deem proper to grant

(signed) Robert McQueen
" Jacob B. Taylor
" John Hone

[223] Which was approved.

The Market Committee on the Petition of John R. Martin; Reported the following Resolution

Resolved that John R. Martin be permitted to occupy Stall N° 1 in Grand Street Market and that his Honor the Mayor grant him a licence for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Harmanus Tallman
" Stephen Allen
" J. J. Westervelt
" Leonard Kip
" John Hone

Which was approved

The following Communication was received from the Committee on the Fire Department.

"The Committee on the Fire Department respectfully inform the Board that they have received a Communication from the Chief Engineer informing your Committee—" that by request of the For[e]man and several of the [224] Members of Engine Company N° 11 he has carefully examined the Engine and finds the box so much out of order as will require a new one in the course of this summer, the Chains are impaired and several other parts much worn. The Machine is about 79 years old, and he is therefore of opinion, and would recommend, that if the sum of Four hundred Dollars can be procured that it will be adviseable to accept of it, and furnish the Company with a new Engine of the usual size." The Committee concur in opinion with the Chief Engineer and offer the following Resolution;

Resolved that the Chief Engineer is hereby impowered to dispose of Engine N° 11. for not less than the sum of Four hundred Dollars and as soon as disposed of to purchase a new one of the usual size for Engine Company N° 11.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^c^Queen
" Harmanus Tallman

Which was agreed to.

[225] The Committee of Wharves Piers & Slips presented the following Report as follows;

" The Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Stag Jun^r^ & others, requesting that South Street may be regulated & filled from Dover Street until it forms a junction with Front Street; and also the Report of a former Committee, recommending that said Street be compleated to the East line of John Clarks property; together with a Remonstrance against such termination—Report,

" That having given the subject due consideration and personally examined the situation of the premises they are of opinion, that no part of our City, lying so contiguous to the bulk of population requires improvement more than the place alluded to.

" The Corporation have at a considerable expence to the Public located a Slip between Roosevelt and James' Streets, and the owners of property in the vicinity of this place, have paid large sums in opening & improving Roosevelt Street, and are about increasing their expenditure [226] by widening and straightening Dover Street, and in order that they may realise the benefit they have a right to expect from these improvements, it is necessary in the opinion of your Committee, that the bulk head forming South Street should be made and compleated. The offensive situation of some portion of the premises forms an additional reason in the minds of your Committee, for recommending this measure to the Board; for in consequence of a large quantity of filth and mud carried to the River by the wash of the drane through Roosevelt Street, and which is prevented from escaping to the Channel for want of a Current to draw it off, the deposit has so increased as to be left bare at low water, and has become offensive to those whose business or residence lays in that vicinity, as well as dangerous to the health of the Community.

Your Committee herewith present a Map of the improvement, by which it is contemplated to extend South Street, from [227] its present termination at Dover Street, to the Pier known by the name of Minturn & Champlin's Wharf, and which forms the West boundary of the Corporation Basin between James & Roosevelt Street.

"Your Committee have caused estimates to be made of the probable expense that will be incurred by the Corporation for their part of said improvement, and have no doubt that the amount will not exceed Five Thousand Dollars, this sum when added to the expense already incurred by the Location of a Slip near this Place, is perhaps greater than the state of the finances will warrant, and your Committee would feel much reluctance in recommending its expenditure did they not believe it indispensably necessary, and one which cannot be avoided, being the result of a deliberate act of the Board in extending the Slip much farther west than was originally contemplated, With these impressions on the minds of your Committee, they beg leave to recommend the [228] following Resolutions.

" Resolved, that the owners & occupants of Lots of Ground under Water, situated and fronting on South Street, between Dover and Roosevelts Streets, and as far East as the Pier called Minturn & Champlin's wharf, be required at their individual expense, to cause good & sufficient bulkhead to be sunk on the Southerly line of South Street, and that they have the same built and compleated on or before the first day of December next; and farther, that they cause the said Lots, together with the Streets adjoining, to be filled to the proper height and regulation on or before the first day of July 1820.

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an ordinance conformable to the foregoing Resolution for the concurrence of the Board.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Robert M^c^Queen
" Asa Mann
" Harmanus Tallman

[229] Which was approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for running out Piers at foot of Vesey & Barclay Streets on the North River, Reported

"That from the situation of the premises and the extensive trade carried on in its vicinity, they are satisfied, that the building of Piers at the places disignated by the Petitioners will be an important improvement to that part of the City; but although convinced of this fact, still knowing the paucity of the means possessed by the board, Your Committee could not recommend a measure which will cost so large an amount, without first resorting to every expedient within their reach to lessen the inconvenience; and they have therefore entered into arrangements with the Proprietors of the Lots in the vicinity on the one hand, & M^r P. Hone, the Lessee of the Hoboken ferry on the other, which in their opinion will considerably abate the inconvenience of a want of finances [230] on the part of the Corporation and at the same time prove a profitable undertaking to the proprietors and an addition to the public convenience.

The Committee herewith present a Map of the contemplated improvement, by which it may be seen, that in its present situation, there is a short pier extending 53 feet in the River & that the whole of the water on the South side, and 25 feet on the north belongs to the Corporation, (the Pier being built on the West side of Vesey street) & also that there is a sunken block laying 80 feet north of said Pier; The improvement intended by the Committee is to extend the pier at the foot of Vesey Street to the permanent line & to sink a cross block or L at its end; to rebuild the sunken block alluded to; & to build a pier at the foot of Barclay Street to extend 290 feet in the river—all of which is designated on the map accompanying this report

The arrangement made with Joshua Jones and his associates, by your Committee [231] provided the Board concur, will be, that they bind themselves to pay two thirds the value of the Pier now built at the foot of Vesey Street, and also disburse two thirds the expense of extending said pier to the permanent line, and the same as it respects the pier to be built at the foot of Barclay Street and to rebuild and improve the sunken block at their own expense. They are to stipulate further, that on their being paid such sum as shall be awarded for the expense incurred in building the pier at the foot of Vesey Street, they will relinquish all right and title to the same. The North side of the last mentioned pier, will be occupied solely for the benefit of the Ferry to Hoboken, and as the Corporation are not bound to furnish the Lessee with any accomodations except the use of the bulk head at the foot of Barclay Street—The Committee have arranged with Mr Hone, that he advance the amount necessary to pay for one third of the cost of that piece which he is to reimburse from the rent of the Ferry as it may fall due, until the whole amount of principal shall be [232] liquidated. By this arrangement it will be seen that the consideration to be paid by Mr Hone for the use of the North side of the pier, will be the interest of the amount advanced, & that no present calls will be made on the Treasury for the expense to be incurred.

Your Committee have caused estimates to be made of the value of the old pier & also the probable cost of the piers to be built & have computed the amount which is to be provided for by the Board, exclusive of the sum to be advanced by Mr Hone at $5825 Dollars.

Your Committee are of opinion that the arrangement here proposed, under all the circumstances, is the most eligible that can be adopted by the Board for the improvement of that Section of our City. and they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions,

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an article of agreement, to be executed by Joshua Jones and his associates binding them to the payment of two thirds [233] of the value of the old pier at the foot of Vesey Street, & also two thirds of the cost of extending said pier to the permanent line, & of building a Pier at the foot of Barclay Street, and that they be further bound to relinquish all rights and title to the North side of the Pier at the foot of Vesey Street, whenever required by the Corporation, & paid so much of the amount expended as may be awarded by persons mutually chosen for the purpose.

Resolved that the Counsel also prepare an article of agreement to be executed by Philip Hone, binding him to pay one third of the expense of building a Pier at the foot of Barclay Street, and authorising him to reimburse himself for the principal thus paid, out of the rent of the ferry as the same shall become due & payable,

Resolved—that on the articles alluded to in the foregoing Resolutions being executed, the Street Commissioner be authorised to contract for extending the Pier at the foot of Vesey Street to the permanent line & for building a Pier at the foot of Barclay Street conformable [234] to the Map accompanying this Report.

Resolved, that Joshua Jones & his associates on complying with their engagements, be authorised to use and occupy, until the same shall be required by the Corporation, the North side of the Pier already built, and also the one to be built at the foot of Vesey Street, and that they be permitted to rebuild the sunken block in the vicinity of said pier, and to occupy the same for their own use and benefit.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Stephen Allen
" Asa Mann
" Robert M^{c}Queen
" Harmanus Tallman

Which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Street Committee to whom had been referred back their report on the regulation of Grand Street presented again the same Report which was directed to be referred to a Special Committee. The Committee [235] appointed was—Aldermen—Hone—M^{c}Queen—Kip & King and M^{r} Davis.

The Finance Committee presented the following communication.

" The Finance Committee beg leave to state to the Board that a ballance sheet of the Books of the Late Chamberlain has been laid before them, by which the amount in the Treasury is made to appear much less than that shewn from the books kept by the Comptroller.

The time that will be necessary to examine and compare the numerous items composing these accounts of years standing, is more than your Committee can conveniently appropriate, or in their opinion the board require of them: they therefore request authority to employ such assistants as the case may demand, in order that the Accounts of the Late Treasurer may be properly liquidated and a statement of the result presented to the Board with all convenient speed; and they accordingly request the passage of the following Resolution. Resolved that [236] the Finance Committee be authorised to employ one or more persons, as they shall deem expedient, for the purpose of auditing, under the superintendance of the Comptroller the accounts of the Late Chamberlain of this City.

Respectfully submitted
(Signed) Stephen Allen
" S. P. Brittain
" J. Hammond

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

M^{r} Allen presented the following which was adopted

" Resolved that the Superintendent of Repairs be instructed to cause Division Street from Chatham to Arundel Street to be Renumbered.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

"Resolved that the Counsel of the [237] Board be authorised to accept an assignment of the Interest of Mess^rs^ Lord & King in the Slip or Basin at the foot of Roosevelt Street at the sum found by the Jury impannelled to assess the same, and that in the event of such being made previous to the next meeting of this Board that the Comptroller report a Warrant for the amount thereof.

The following was presented

"Resolved that the ordinance for paving Orange Street from Spring to Prince Street be amended so as to read from Broome to Prince Street, which was agreed to & the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The following was presented and agreed to, and a Warrant directed to issue therefor,

"Mess^{rs} Pangburn & Blanch having completed the cellar under the market at Christopher Street, agreeably to their Contract, and to the entire satisfaction of the Superintendent of Repairs—[238] on or about the first of May last

Therefore Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to pay to Mess^{rs} Pangburn & Blanch Five hundred & Seventy five Dollars in full for building a Cellar Wall &c, under the Market house in Christopher Street, out of any monies that may be in the Treasury during the recess of this Board.

The following were appointed a Committee to make the necessary arrangements of the celebration of the ensuing Anniversary of American Independence.

Aldermen—Morss—Allen—King & Hone, and M^{r} Stevens

M^{r} Board presented the following—Resolved that Thomas W. Gilbert be and he is hereby removed from the Office of Collector of Arrearages of Taxes—The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Ayes & Noes being called by Ald^{n} King were as follows:

[239] Ayes: Ald^{n} Hone—Anthony—Morss—M^{c}Queen—Mann Taylor—Thorp—Allen. M^{r} Crane—Westervelt—Parker—Brittain—Board—Davis—Hammond. (15.)

Noes: Ald^{n} King—Kip—M^{r} Bolton, Stevens, Tallman (5.)

The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill the vacancy when George B. Smith was chosen.

Alderman Allen presented the following

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to request T. W.

Gilbert the late collector of arrears of taxes to deposit in his office all the Books and Vouchers relative to his office now in his possession."

Which was agreed to.

The Resignation of Judah Hammond Esqre of the Office of Public Administrator presented on the 17th day May—and laid for consideration [240] was now called up & it was Resolved that the same be accepted.

The Board then proceeded by ballot to elect a person to fill the vacancy—when on counting the Ballots it appeared Benjamin Prince was chosen—Whereupon Resolved that Benjamin Prince be and he is hereby appointed to the Office of Public Administrator.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 31 May	$283.36	
Recd for Common Lands	10,689.72	
" Mayoralty fees	103.50	
" Commutation Aliens	747.	
" Excise	4600.50	
" Tavern Licences	3282.60	
" Tax 1818. 2d 3d 5th 7th 8th Wards	7927.72	
" Streets	3956.54	
" 6th Avenue	100.	
" Wells & Pumps	50.	
" Rents	5930.55	37,671.49

[241] 30 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake Watch 1st district	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch 2d district	707.
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d district	413.
C. D. Colden—Mayor 1 qr's Salary 2d instant	1750.
P. Becanon—Inspector of Bread 1 qr. 10th inst	93.
D. H. Magee—Keeper Potters field 1 mo. 1st inst	46.50
Geo. Platt—work Mud Machine 4 weeks 6th instant	187.12
F. Harris & W. Peters—Peace Officers attending Mayor's office—issuing Tavern Licences	61.50
G. Gilbert—Register—recording Sundry Deeds	24.68
[242] Dederick Grim—balance for Well in Essex Street	63.75
Barent Strong [Barnet Story]—on account award widening Grand St	400.
J. McComb—St. Commissioner for paving Stones	1000.
O. Edwards—Sup. Court & Attorney fees for Oliver & Market Sts. and ground at Bellevue	993.30
S. Ludlum—Surveys & Maps—6 Jan. 1818 to 1 May 1819	783.68
E. Doughty—Surveys & Maps 11 Nov. 1818 to 4 May 1819	241.60
Chs. Mooney acct paving Leonard St. from Elm to Orange St.	200.

Hugh Smith—balance laying sidewalks Franklin St........	119.26	
John Sloan—balance regulating Bleecker St..............	42.80	
John Donaldson—repairing Intersections..................	12.	
Jno. Williams—repair. Intersection at Pump & Orchard St.	6.51	
[243] J. P. Anthony. Chn Fire Departt for lot on Watts St. for Engine house....................................	350.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Fire Department........	200.	
J. P. Roome—repair. Bulkhead Rutgers St. & Canal St.....	803.	
J. P. Roome—repairg lamps in May......................	131.	
J. P. Roome for Repairs.................................	158.	
R. Munson—for 22 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby........	846.65	
Leonard Kip 22 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby...........	810.87	
Leonard Kip 28 Casks Oil bought of Z. Lovell............	761.87	
John Randel Jr. Account Maps &c. 9 Ward...............	430.50	
Pangburn & Blanch—building wall to cellar under Greenwich Mkt..	575.	13,354.84
	Balance	24,316.65

Adjourned to this day fortnight.

[244] In Common Council June 28. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay Esqre Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	H. Tallman
John Morss	Benjn Crane
Robt McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calendar of the persons confined in the City Prison or Bridewell furnished by the Keeper of said Prison which was directed to be filed.

[245] A Petition of Abraham Van Ranst was received stating that he is Lessee of the Ferry House at the Team Boat Ferry foot of Delancy Street, that by the Terms of his Lease he is bound to keep his house open at all times—that by a Law of the Corporation he is ordered to shut his house on Sunday & praying the indulgence of keeping his house open on that day—which being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Joel Post was received stating that he is the surviving Partner of the firm of W^{m} Innes & C^{o} that W^{m} Innes, deceased, rented the Cellar under Grand Street Market for his individual concern and not on account of the Partnership. That the Collector of the Corporation had called on him for payment of rent of said Cellar & praying relief—which was ordered to be referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Amos Wood for Stall N^{o} 18 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[246] A Petition of Walter T. Osgood for appointment of City Guager was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition from the Inhabitants residing near the Corner of Orchard Street praying that the upper end of said Street may be raised so as to carry off the water freely, was read—Whereupon M^{r} Allen presented a Resolution granting the prayer of the Petition and directing the Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor which Resolution was adopted.

A Petition was received from Richard Jennings stating that he was Wharfinger of the Wharves in the vicinity of Roosevelt Street lately taken for a Public Slip—that his Emolument therefor was about $175. per Annum, that by taking said wharves for public purposes he has lost said emolument for which no estimate was made by the Jury in assessing the damages & praying some compensation.

[247] Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of David Lyon for remission of fine for not having rates in his carriage was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of John Johnson was received stating that he is about erecting a Dwelling house adjoining Seventh Street and is desirous of knowing what the elevation of said Street is that he may erect his house agreeably thereto.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Joseph Burjeau praying permission to place Articles for Sale at Auction in the Area in front of his Store N^{o} 5 Coffee house Slip was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants of Oliver Street was received stating that in [248] opening said Street a Projection has been left of about 13 feet on the Corner of Chatham Row running down to the West side of said Street about 50 feet which destroys the symmetry of said Street and praying the Street may be straightened—

A Remonstrance from James M. Dominick against granting the prayer of said Petition was also presented and read

Whereupon the Memorial & Remonstrance were referred to the Street Committee and Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward.

A letter was received from Gabriel Winter stating that John A. Graham on the 26th September 1811—mortgaged to Messrs St John & Scofield his Country seat called the "Temple" situated on Stewart Street—that Mr Graham subsequently mortgaged the said premises to the Corporation—that Messrs St John & Scofield had directed him to offer to transfer to the Corporation the mortgage on said Property on their paying the amount due thereon being about $5700—or if they [249] declined making the purchase that they would release their Title thereto which would save them the expense which would attend their being Parties to a suit in Chancery for the foreclosure of the Mortgage—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws & the Counsel with authority to release the right of the Corporation to said property in case it should be necessary to act before the next meeting of the Board.

A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants residing in Pearl Street of the Street being incumbered by Carts, Porters & Hand Cartmen to the very great inconvenience & injury of that Neighbourhood & praying that measures may be taken to remove said Nuisance was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 1st ward.

A Petition of Oliver Vanderbilt for compensation for services while Sealer of Weights and Measures was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[250] A Petition of Thomas White of Thomas Losee and of Andrew Van Orden for appointment as Wood Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Winter for Stall No 30 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial from sundry inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Spring & Lawrence Streets praying that Lawrence Street may be regulated from Broome to Spring Street & objecting against raising Broome Street so as to throw the water into Spring Street, with a memorandum signed Robert M. Livingston assenting to the Plan of giving the greatest elevation at Spring Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants complaining of indecent & disorderly conduct of certain black persons who assemble in [251] Bancker & Henry Streets on Sundays & disturb persons attending

Divine Worship in the Church in Banker Street & praying Peace Officers may be assigned to prevent such disorderly behaviour was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward with authority to act in the Premises as they shall judge expedient.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants residing in the Bowery praying the Corporation will reconsider the subject of paving the Bowery above Broome Street and defer the same as from the pressure of the times it would be greatly distressing to many of those who would be assessed for said improvement, which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants praying that the side walks in Greenwich Street from Watts to Charlton Streets be regulated & paved was presented & referred to the Street Commissioner with directions to report an Ordinance agreeably to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

[252] A Petition of James Gourlay to be permitted to sell Goods at Auction in Harman Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from sundry Boatmen & Carmen complaining of the incapacity & unfitness of James Hunt Inspector of Firewood & praying his removal from Office was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas to be permitted to continue to sell Goods at Auction in front of his store in Wall Street between Water and Front Street was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial was received from Benjamin A. Akerly, visiting surgeon to the New York Alms house tendering his resignation of said Office and requesting an allowance may be made to him for Carriage hire paid by him on visits to the Alms [253] House during the period of his serving in said Office—Whereupon his resignation was accepted & the subject of compensation was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was received from Thomas Miller one of the Assessors of the 9th Ward stating that the Assessors found great difficulty under the late Law for raising Money by Tax to ascertain the Boundery line of the Lamp District & praying the aid of the Common Council therein—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial was received from sundry Inhabitants of Broome Street remonstrating against the paving of the side walks in said street between Broadway and the Bowery was read and laid for consideration.

A Memorial of Free holders, Lease holders and Inhabitants residing in Chapel Street was presented stating that they have been [254] informed it is in contemplation to construct sewers in the centre of Chapel Street to commence at Leonard Street & to be continued to the Canal Street Sewer & remonstrating against the measure stating that the present mode of discharging the water over the surface of the Street has been found by experience to answer every desirable purpose and that they are perfectly satisfied therewith—Whereupon the same was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Petition of John W. Wyman for permission to sink a vault in the Street opposite N° 2 Park Place—of Allen Clark for like permission in Broome Street, and of Coenr[a]d Metzger for similar permission in front of N° 62 Market Street were severally read & granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of W^m^ M^c^Farland a soldier [255] in the late War was received stating that by wounds received in the battle of Chippewa he is unable to gain a livelihood by manual labor & praying an appointment to some office under the Corporation was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 1

Obadiah Stevens—Painter—N° 3 Desbrosses Street vice David B. Underhill resigned

Hook & Ladder N° 4

Josiah Woodruff—Shoemaker—123 Division Street vice Richard L. Clark resigned

William Goldin—Carpenter—113 Division Street vice Stephen Barker—resigned

James Clark—Painter—33 Oak Street vice Mason Seely—resigned

Fire Engine Company N° 14

Benjamin Vreeland—Bd. way—opposite S^t^ Paul's Church vice Robert Cromwell—left the City

[256] Fire Engine Company N° 19.

Nicholas Bohne—Grocer—Elizabeth & Hester Streets vice George Whittsel—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 24

John Whaley—Gun Smith—Water Street vice Ahasuerus Turk—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 25

Preston Merrifield—Book binder—69 Pine Street vice Isaac Hatch resigned

Elijah Durand—Gilder—216 Grand Street vice Dennis Doyle resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 30

John Palmer—Carpenter—Grand S^{t} near Bowery vice Lewis Ellis—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 33

Samuel Hooven—Black Smith—Cherry St, vice Cornelius Bogart—Resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 40

George Dominick— Butcher—Eldridge S^{t} between North & Stanton Streets vice John Boman—resigned

Fire Engine Company N^{o} 41

John O. Clark—Carpenter—Willet near Delancey S^{t} vice John Atkins resigned.

[257] A Communication was received from the Chief Engineer stating that the late Floating Engine was now permanently erected in the Corporation Yard on Leonard Street for the purpose of a supply engine for that part of the City & recommending the formation of a Company to take charge of said Machine which communication was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed, Viz:

1	Arch^{d} Dunlap	Owner	25 & 27 Lombardy St.	A Lot
2	Ezra W. Miller	D^{o}	Vesey & Washington Sts.	D^{o}
3	John J. Astor R. Abbott	Owner Agent	King Street	D^{o}
4	D^{r} Eddy J. Eddy	Owner Agent	Eldridge Street	D^{o}
5	R^{t} Roberts	Owner	Rivington Street	D^{o}
6	Aaron Stockholm	Owner	598 Pearl Street	D^{o}

7	Mrs Crygier	Owner	33 Liberty Street	A Privy
	Miss A. Parker	Occupt		
8	[258] Wm Dusenberry	Owner & Occupt	11 Chapel Street	Do
9	Ezra Ludlow	Lessee	20 Wall Street	Do
	Hy Megarry. Geo De Grace, Mr Paff & Jas Hubbell	Occupts		
10	Mrs Jane Cox	Owner & Occupt	416 Greenwich St	Do
11	Benjn H. Coles	Owner	49 Pearl Street	Do
	Mr Waite & Hy Johnson	Occupts.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented the following communication which was read & directed to be filed

"The Counsel begs leave to inform the board that the Chancellor has dissolved the injunction obtained by Richard Varick Esqre so far as it went to restrain the Corporation from digging up to the line of the fence inclosing his premises; but the Chancellor also decided that the injunction should continue so far as it goes to restrain the [259] Corporation from digging down that portion of Mr Varick's premises which it is alledged encroach upon Bleecker Street, until it is established by a trial at Law that it does encroach upon a Public Street or Highway.

He also decided that Mr Varick should not be entitled to recover any costs.

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Ogden Edwards

He also presented the following

"The Counsel Respectfully informs the Board that Messrs Peter & George Lorillard object to the lease of the Lot of Ground in Augustus Street, upon the Ground that it contains no provision for the appointment of an umpire in the event of the persons who may be appointed to appraise the improvement (provided the lease should not be renewed) not agreeing. The order for the lease was that it should be upon the same terms (excepting as to rent) as the former lease for the same premises. That lease which was drawn according to the then established [260] form, contained no such provision.

The leases which are granted according to the present established form do contain such a provision. The Counsel is not aware of any good reason why the lease should not be drawn according to the wishes of the Mess^{rs} Lorillards. He has drawn a lease accordingly comprising such a provision, and according to the present established form which is herewith submitted. If it is the pleasure of the Board that it should be executed, the lease heretofore executed will of course be cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards,

Whereupon the Lease presented was directed to be duly executed.

The following communication was received from D. S. Jones Esq^{re} late Counsel of the Board

" The subscriber begs leave to present to the Common Council an account for the [261] taxed costs and Counsel fees in the suit heretofore commenced by the United States against Jacob Hays and Aaron Williams Jun^{r} which was defended by directions of the Common Council, and in which a Judgment has been obtained in favour of the Defendants—But without Costs as Costs are not recoverable against the United States.

The suit in question was an action of Trespass instituted by the District Attorney of the United States to recover damages from the defendants for seizing a certain quantity of Gun Powder belonging to the United States and which was seized by the Defendants by order of the Police Magistrates in consequence of that powder being transported through our streets contrary to a Law of our State.

The Circumstances of the Case are fully detailed in a Petition which was presented to the Common Council by the Defendants on the 30th day of December 1816—that Petition was referred to the Law Committee as appears by an entry in your Minutes Lib—32 page 79, and that [262] Committee reported in favour of defending the suit, which Report was concurred in by the Board—The Report of the Committee and Resolution of the Board concurring therein are to be found in the 32^{d} volume of your minutes, page 99.

M^{r} Jay was associated with me as Counsel in the defence of the Cause, and I have with his concurrence charged a fee of $100. for him, as well as the like for myself. The number of Patent Causes and other business before the Circuit Court of the U. S. where the Cause was tried prevented us from bringing on the Argument in this Cause until after the lapse of Two Terms at both of which as well as the Term when the cause was argued we were obliged to attend for the purpose. From the importance of the principle involved in this case and the attention which we were obliged to give to the Cause I presume the fees charged by us will be considered as moderate,

Respectfully submitted

(signed) *R.* [D.] S. Jones

[263] Whereupon the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant at the next meeting for the payment of the same.

The Comptroller presented a communication stating that several persons who had purchased and leased property of the Corporation had neglected to perfect the agreements which required some remedy —Whereupon the Communication was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented the following statement of the Account of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, which was ordered to be filed.

" The Committee of Repairs and the Comptroller Respectfully Report, that they have examined the accounts of Jacob P. Roome—Superintendant of Repairs from 15th October 1818 to June 4, 1819. & find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation	$.17.349.90
" for sundry Articles sold by him	17.62
" Balance due the Corporation on last settlement & now credited	36.08
	$17.403.60
[264] He has paid agreeably to Vouchers produced, 222 Accounts, amount	$17.284.55
Balance due the Corporation June 4, 1819 to be carried to credit of New Acc^{t}	$119.05

(signed) G. B. Thorp
" Benj^{n} Crane
" S. P. Brittain
" G. N. Bleecker—Compt^{r}

The Comptroller also presented the Accounts of A Sherman, Attorney for Corporation from 1 Nov^{r} 1818 to 1 May 1819 of which the following is an abstract

" The Comptroller respectfully submits to the Board, an Account of Alpheus Sherman Esq^{r} Attorney of the Corporation, from 1st November 1818 to 1st May 1819, balance due the Corporation $107.32—

Also an Account for the Month of May last—balance due the Corporation $2.89.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker—Comptr."

Also an Account of the Month of May 1819.

Which were directed to be filed.

[265] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed & the following persons appointed Assessors therein—Viz: for regulating & paving a part of Orchard Street between North & Stanton Streets—for regulating & paving Oliver Street from Banker Street to Chatham Square, for paving the side walks in Greenwich Street from Watts to Charlton Street & for regulating & paving Little Water Street—and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine & John Brown were appointed the Assessors in each—Also for repaving the Carriage way of the Bowery between Grand & Broome Streets & for a Well and Pump in Lombardy Street near Corlaers Street and John Targee, Ab. Bloodgood & Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors in each—also for building a Bulkhead from Dover to Roosevelt Street.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Beach Street near Greenwich Street & for paving Beach Street from Greenwich to Washington Street which were confirmed & John G. Betts appointed Collector in each—Also for a well & pump in Ludlow Street near Grand Street—& for [266] regulating & paving Walker Street from Broadway to Elm Street which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

The Market Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of Peter L. Fowler for Stall N° 10 Spring Street Market, Reported—the following Resolution

" Resolved that the above prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

(signed) Harms Tallman
" John Hone
" J. J. Westervelt
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved and adopted,

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Nicholas William Stuyvesant, Reported

" That they have heard Mr Stuyvesant & that he could not give any reason to the satisfaction of your Committee why any part of his taxes should be remitted and your Committee are of opinion that he has not the [267] least shadow of reason to complain—Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved that Nicholas W. Stuyvesant have leave to withdraw his Petition.

All of which is Respectfully submitted

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John Morss
" John P. Anthony
" E. W. King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Ferries & the Alderman and Assistant of the 8th Ward to whom were referred the respective Petitions of Philip Earle & Balthazar P. Melick for a grant of a Ferry from this City to Wehawk—Reported

"That since these Petitions were presented Mr Charles Watts of this City has become Proprietor of Weehawk and the Petitioners have united in a request that in case the Corporation shall grant a Ferry to that place that the same be [268] made to Mr Watts. It will be recollected that the Petition of Philip Earle when presented was referred to the Committee on Ferries, who on the 29th of March last, Reported, in favour of making him a Grant for fifteen years without restricting him to any limits on the New York side, under a supposition that he was to use sail boats only and with a view to accomodate the Lower Markets. The Board being apprehensive that such a grant might interfere with the rights of the Lessee of Hoboken Ferry—recommitted the Petition and Report thereon to this Committee—Since that Period the present applicant has at a great expense, constructed a Team Boat operating on entire new principles, being propelled with two horses only by means of inclined planes. this invention appears to be one of great utility, at all events it is worthy a fair and full experiment. A Boat thus constructed the Applicant is to place upon the Ferry upon the event of his obtaining a grant. This is a very ancient [269] Ferry, but since the improvement of the Powles Hook and Hoboken Ferries it has grown into disuse in a great degree for want of su[i]table boats to transport Carriages—It is evident that a good Ferry established between this City and Weehawk will in some measure diminish the profits of the Hoboken Ferry, but it cannot be said to interfere at all with the rights of the grantee of that Ferry, especially if it be located above the limits of that Grant. Moreover the Lessee of the Hoboken Ferry must have contemplated having another Ferry established above, as his predecessor was bound to keep one at the foot of Spring Street which he declined to accept, after the most mature deliberation on this subject your Committee are of opinion that the public convenience requires a Ferry between this City and Weehawk, and they respectfully recommend that a grant be made to M^r^ Charles Watts for the term of fifteen years from the first day of May last—the first five years at a nominal rent, the second Five Years at a rent of Fifty Dollars per Annum, and the last [*268] five years at the rate of Two hundred Dollars per annum—That the limits shall extend from the north bounds of the Grant of Hoboken Ferry to Christopher Street on the New York side and a quarter of a mile each side of Wehawk on the New Jersey side. But that the Corporation shall not be restricted from establishing other Ferries within the limits above specified on the New York side to any other place than Wehawk. or the above limits on the New Jersey side. And that the Lessee shall be compelled to keep on the Ferry a good and sufficient Team Boat, and shall keep the Ferry regularly as well in Winter as in Summer and provide a suitable landing place on each side at his own expense and that the rates shall be the same as the Hoboken Ferry. Your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare a Lease to M^{r} Charles Watts in conformity with the preceeding Report.

[271] All which is submitted

(signed) E. W. King
" John P. Anthony
" D. Board
" Asa Mann
" Jacob B. Taylor

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted—The following Resolution was also presented and agreed to

" Resolved that M^{r} Charles Watts be permitted to commence running his boat on the Weehawk Ferry from this day,

The Committee on Assessments on the Petition of Alexander S. Glass, Reported as follows:

" The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alex^{r} S. Glass, to refund to him Ten Dollars & Eighty Cents which he paid for Thirty one Lots of Land which he does not own, on Fitz Roy Road in the Ninth Ward—Your Committee beg leave to Report, That in their opinion. the Corporation can not with propriety

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* Clerk's error in numbering.—ED.

refund [272] him the Taxes and that he ought to apply to the proprietor of said Lots. Therefore Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that M^r Alex^r S. Glass have leave to withdraw his petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John Morss
" John P. Anthony
" Thomas Bolton
" E. W. King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following

" The Committee on the Fire Department beg leave to state that applications have been made to the Clerk of the Common Council by: Stephen Stephens, James Young and David Jacot, for Certificates of the time which they have served as Firemen, that [273] sufficient evidence has been given to the Committee that Stephen Stephens was appointed on the 11 November 1799. James Young on 11th November 1799, and David Jacot, by the name of David Jacob—on 13 November 1797, but by same mistake the names of Stephens and Young are not entered on the Minutes of the Common Council of those Years—they therefore recommend the following Resolution

Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be authorised to give to the said Stephen Stephens and James Young a Certificate of their service agreeably to the foregoing dates, and to David Jacot. instead of Jacob agreeably to the abovementioned appointment.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Harm^s Tallman
" Robert M^{c}Queen

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Hook [274] & Ladder Company N^o 3 praying an additional number of men, Reported

" That they have had the said Petition under Consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought not to be granted and Respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved, That the Petition of Hook & Ladder Company N^o 3 ought not to be granted.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^{c}Queen
" Harm^s Tallman

An Amendment was proposed to grant the Prayer of the Petition so that the said Company do not exceed six additional Members & provided no person shall be admitted as a member of the said Company who is qualified to serve on Juries—the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—The question was then taken on agreeing to the Report of the Committee and was carried in the Affirmative

[275] The Ayes & Noes having been called were as follows

Ayes: Mr Recorder Aldn Hone King Anthony McQueen Mann Allen Mr Bolton Stevens Tallman Crane Westervelt. (12)

Noes: Aldn Morss Taylor Thorp Mr Parker Brittain Davis Hammond (7)

The Finance Committee to whom was referred a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for opening & paving Streets &c—Reported,

"That they see no reason why the recommendation of the Street Commissioner should not be complied with, as every indulgence which could be reasonably expected has been granted the persons concerned, and the money has been due from 12 to 27 Months and therefore ought to be paid. The Committee recommend the passage of the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to advertise, agreeably to Law, the property, returned as delinquent for the nonpay- [276] ment of assessments as set forth in the annexed List of the Collector.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" J. Hammond
" Benjn Crane
" *Jone* [John] Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee on the Petition of Thomas H. White for Stall No 30 Catharine Market, Reported the following Resolution

"Resolved that the above prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

(signed) Harms Tallman
" John Hone
" J. J. Westervelt
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved and adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the application for a Public Scale to be estab- [277] lished in the Catharine Market, Reported as follows

" The Market Committee to whom was referred the Application for a Public Scale in Catharine Market beg leave to offer the following Resolution

" Resolved the prayer of the Petitioners be granted, the said Petitioners to pay the expense of said public Scale; Which scale to be the property of the above named market.

(signed) Harm^s Tallman
" John Hone
" J. J. Westervelt
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Street Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the City Inspector relative to a Lot on Orange Street presented a Report which was referred to the City Inspector with directions to report the proceedings had in relation to the Lot &c.

[278] The same Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks in Broome Street Reported

" That they have seen the situation of the side Walks in Broome Street, and are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted, for which purpose they offer the following Resolution

" Resolved that all the side walks in Broome Street between Broadway and the Bowery be paved—except those parts that are already done, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition for paving the side walks in Hudson Street Reported.

" That they are [279] of the opinion that the Side Walks in that Street should be laid—Therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution.

" Resolved, that all the side Walks in Hudson Street between

Spring Street and Charlton Street be paved and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The following Communications were presented by the Canal Committee

" To the Canal Committee,

Gentl^n

We the Contractors for the Sewer in Canal Street would Respectfully inform the Committee that two thirds of the Contract [280] is completed.

Yours Respectfully
(signed) Gedion Tucker
" Thomas T. Woodruff

" The Canal Committee beg leave to lay before the Board the within communication from the Contractors for the Sewer on Canal Street, representing that they have compleated two thirds of the Contract, and are thereby entitled to another payment of 25 per Cent of the Amount of said Contract. The Committee do recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

" Resolved, that the Finance Committee be authorised, to make provision by Loan on Bond for the payment of the Amount now due to the Contractors for the Sewer on Canal Street, and that the Moneys to be collected for the Assessment of said Sewer is hereby pledged for the payment of the same with interest.

(signed) John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Jacob B. Taylor
" W^m A. Davis
" Harm^s Tallman

[281] Whereupon the Resolution proposed by the Canal Committee was adopted and the Finance Committee directed to borrow the Money agreeably thereto.

The following Report from the Mayor and Recorder on the subject of their visit to and Inspection of the Bridewell and Establishment at Bellevue, was presented.

" The Mayor and Recorder Respectfully Report;

That pursuant to a late Resolution of the Board, we visited on the fourth instant the establishment at Bellevue, and passed the greater part of the day in inspecting the Apartments of the Alms house, Penitentiary & Bridewell.

We have the satisfaction to state that we found the Establishments in a condition, which does great credit to the Officers of the Board, who have charge of them. The apartments in general were clean and well ventilated, but some of them were not without that offensive smell common to Prisons, which it must be very difficult to prevent where there are crouds of [282] Children and so many infirm and diseased persons; but which [ought] to be almost entirely obviated in the City Prison by attention to cleanliness and by the frequent & abundant use of lime.

By conversing with many of the Paupers and convicts, we gave them an opportunity of making complaints if they had any, but none were made: on the contrary they generally admitted that they were treated with humanity, and as well provided for as they had reason to expect.

Knowing that an opinion was entertained by some that persons were supported in the Alms house, who were not fit objects for such an Assylum, our attention was particularly turned to this subject; but we could not perceive that a single person was there, as a pauper, who it was not obvious was properly considered as such. The increasing number of poor who must be supported by the Public Charity, and of Criminals, as well as the necessary augmentation of the Public Charges on those accounts are very naturally [283] beyond the expectation of those, who do not take into consideration that there is a proportionate increase of our population.

The Male & Female Hospitals, connected with the Alms House, deserve to be particularly noticed. The buildings appropriated to these uses are extremely well calculated to admit a free circulation of air, tho' they do not appear adapted to exclude either heat or cold when either is intense. Great attention appears to be paid to cleanliness as respects the rooms, the bedding and persons of the Patients. They seem to have all the advantages and comforts of competent nurses, proper food and medical aid. The Hospital Department of the Bridewell and Penitentiary is not so commodious, & does not, and probably need not afford the Patients the same comfort and advantages.

We think it our duty to call the attention of the Board particularly to the situation of the female lunatics. They are now confined in that part of the building, from which the Male lunatics were lately removed, on account of the unfitness [284] of the apartments for their use. The only apartments which the Female lunatics have are small dark cells in the lower story of the eastern extremity of the Penitentiary, & a narrow gloomy passage which forms the entry to these cells. At the entrance of their Apartments are sinks, which receive the filth of a part of the upper stories, and from which the most offensive smells frequently arise. It is certain that these unfortunate Women who become Tenants of this Mansion thro' calamity are more comfortless than any confined in the buildings as a punishment for their crimes.

We beg earnestly to recommend to the consideration of the Board, the situation of the Children who are in the Penitentiary & Bridewell. There are now sixteen boys of from ten to sixteen years of age confined as felons. They have lately been in some degree seperated from the Adult Convicts, and measures have been taken to give them instruction, but the benevolent intentions of the Board are as yet, very imperfectly executed. The Boys are not kept entirely apart, [285] The Buildings do not admit of their being so, without a sacrifice of more room than can be spared. At night they are shut up in cells by themselves, but in the day they mix with other convicts. Who are necessarily admitted into the same hall, While this is the case, it is in vain to expect that a Sentence condemning a child to the Penitentiary will have any beneficial effect, in his morals, on the contrary it is probable that his vicious inclinations will be strengthened by association with experienced Villains.

The Members of the Board, who are Judges of the Criminal Court, must often have felt how difficult it is, satisfactorily to dispose of these young culprits: if they are suffered to escape with a light punishment, they are sure to be presented at the Bar again, and very often it is evident that they are encouraged by, or made the instrument of older rogues. The Jury, as well as the Court, feel a reluctance to convict & condemn them, when it is beleived that the infliction of punishment, by confinement in the Penitentiary, will tend to harden them in vice. [286] If they could be effectually secluded and be instructed, there would be room to hope that imprisonment would sometimes produce reformation. In that case a confinement of some length might be considered as a less punishment than a shorter one. It would often be a service to the Young Vagabonds who prowl about our streets in idleness and ignorance, to place them where they would be for some time rescued from both.

If a building were to be erected capable of accomodating fifty boys —their keepers, instructors &c: with a School room below and sleeping apartments above, it would be attended with the most beneficial effects. The Ground lately added to the Establishment would afford ample room for such a building. We understand it might be erected for a Thousand Dollars and we think that sum could not be better employed.

It is due to the Reverend M^r^ Sandford to mention the satisfaction with which we witnessed the good effects of his humane and [287] pious labours. The School for convicts is under his superintendence. The progress of the boys in reading and in their moral lessons *h*is evidence of his abiliti*ti*es and attention. We were present at his performance of divine service in the Hall of the Female Convicts and witnessed the impression made by his exhortations and prayers on the feelings of many of the unhappy beings he addressed. We are persuaded that M^r^ Sanford is well deserving such countenance and support as will induce him to continue his exertions to ameliorate the condition of the poor wretches, to whom he devotes so much of his time and pains.

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden
" Peter Augustus Jay

Which was directed to be entered on the Minutes & a Copy thereof furnished to the Commissioners of the Alms house. The subject of the Female Lunatics and the School house was referred to Aldermen—Morss—King—Allen.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to.

[288] " Resolved that the Report of the Committee for regulating Greenwich Village, so far as it respects the building a drain or sewer from the place of commencement in the sixth avenue to the North river be referred to the Canal Committee with power to carry the same into effect, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly."

M^r^Stevens presented the following Resolution

" Resolved, that the Counsel of the Board prepare the Report of the Commissioners for taking the Ground for the New Market at the foot of Fulton Street, and present the same at the next August term of the Supreme Court "

It was moved that the consideration thereof be postponed. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes & Noes having been called by Alderman King were as follows

[289] Affirmative Aldn Morss McQueen Mann Taylor Thorp Allen Mr Tallman Crane Westervelt Davis Hammond (11)

Negative Mr Recorder Aldn Hone King Anthony Mr Bolton Stevens Parker Brittain. (8)

The Resolution was then ordered to be referred to Mr Stevens Aldn Hone Mann Mr Davis Brittain.

A Motion was made that the Commissioners of Estimate on ground to be taken for scite of Market at Fulton Slip be directed to consider and report on the advantages that may accrue to owners of Property there but the consideration thereof was postponed.

The following was presented and agreed to

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the conduct of the Inspectors of Lime & report the same to the Board and was referred to Mr Parker McQueen and Alderman Mann.

[290] Resolved that the Carriage way of the Bowery be taken up and repaired from Grand to Broome Street & that an Ordinance be passed & the Street Commissioner be directed to carry the same into effect.

Mr Allen presented the following which was agreed to.

" Resolved that the Committee on Laws be instructed to inquire into the expediency of passing an ordinance prescribing rules and regulations for the government of the Penitentiary, and that said Committee report by Bill or Otherwise.

Aldn Taylor presented the following which was agreed to.

" Resolved that Amity Street be regulated from Broadway to the property of Mr Ireland, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same.

[291] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 14th Inst	24.316.65	
Recd for Tax of 1818—3d 9th 10th Wards	3.150.	
" Excise	2.153.	
" Tavern Licences	1.189.40	
" Streets	166.97	30.976.02

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake Watch, 1 District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark, Watch, 2d Disct	707.
Bleakley & Brower, Watch, 3 Disct	413.
Wm Waldron, Asst City Inspector 1 Month 1st July	52.
Obadiah Ayres, Asst City Inspector 1 Month 1st July	52.
Saml Hutchings, Street Inspector, 1 Month 1 July	52.
Jonathan Weeden, Street Inspector, 1 Month 1 July	52.

Austin & Cochran, Messengers 1 Month 1 July	60.	
Andres Van Orden—Keeper of Battery 1 Month 19 Inst	45.25	
[292] Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park 30 days to 10th instant	45.	
Benjn Crane Stationary from 1st January to	581.63	
B. Skaats to purchase fuel for City hall & Watch houses	800.	
G. Snethen Superg & Lighg Lamps 1 Month 1 July	775.84	
Abel W Hardenbrook—New Lamps & repairs 1 Year 1 May 1819	708.83	
John Targee & others fees & Expenses opening Oliver Street	596.	
Henry Meigs & Others fees & Expenses widening Market Street	524.	
Wm Williams Cleaning Oliver Street	60.	
John Donaldson sundry repairs Streets & Intersections	47.47	
Geo. Lovett 1st Installt Pier at New Ferry Brooklyn	1100.	
Thos Barnum—Superg Wharves & Piers 24 days to 27 Inst	48.	
Robt Pettigrew 1st Installment Well in Ludlow Street	69.19	
[293] Henry Voorhies, balce Well in Suffolk Street	52.20	
Thos McGee 1st Installment Well in Beach Street	26.	
Jacob C. Mott & others—Assessing the Working 8th Avenue	36.	
Jacob C. Mott & others—Assessing the Working 9th Avenue	24.	
John McComb, Street Commissioner for repairing Roads	500.	
John Anderson driving Piles on the line for improving ye Battery	182.	
P. Hawes & others fees & Expenses taking ground at Bellevue	105.	
Richard Furman—Superg Alms House	5500.	
Richard Furman—Superg for working 3rd Avenue	1500.	
Stephen Allen Esqr Treasr Board of Health	1000.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supert Repairs	950.	
John Fleming Treasr to pay 27th Dividend City Stock due 1st May	12.000.	
Robt Logue—Award for Ground taken at Bellevue	1.000.	30.807.16
	Balance	$168.86

Board Adjourned to this day Fortnight 5 oClock.

[294] In Common Council July 12th 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter A. Jay Esqre Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Leonard Kip	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Harmanus Tallman
John Morss	Benjamin Crane
Robt McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition from the Owners & others interested in the ground to be taken as a Site for a Market between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf praying that the Corporation would [295] either take the said ground or release the property—was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject—Viz: Mr Stevens Hone—Mann—Davis—Brittain.

A Petition for a Well and Pump corner of Delancy and Cannon Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinance therefore.

A Memorial of sundry dealers in lime complaining of several of the Measurers of Lime as incapable was read & referred to the former Committee on that subject—Viz: Mr Parker—McQueen—Mann.

A Petition of Abraham Bloodgood for payment of a sum awarded him for damage on opening Canal Street and the same with interest as he had been compelled to pay an Assessment laid on him, with interest —was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[296] A Petition from a number of Inhabitants that a Public Slip or Basin may be established between Gouverneur & Rivington Streets was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition of Darby Noon to be permitted to construct a Vault opposite No 237 Duane Street was granted on the usual terms & under the Direction of the Street Commissioner.

An Account of sundry Watchmen for extra duty on 22 June amounting to $93. was presented and it was ordered that a Warrant be reported for payment of the same.

A Petition of Cornelius DeGroodt to be appointed sweeper of Spring Street Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Peter N. Utt for remission of fine for selling liquor without license was read & referred to the Police Committee.

[297] A Petition from Sarah Verplanck for Hucksters Stand in Fly Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of John A. Ten Brook for Stall N^{o} 18 Washington Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A Representation was received from Peter Amerman Deputy Clerk of Fly Market on the subject of a Market Woman named Eldridge stating that on Account of her two sons who were rude & of her own carlessness of her person she was unfit to occupy a Hucksters Place in said Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Eliza Gedney for payment of part of sum awarded her for damages in opening Grand Street was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Nicholas Storms for appointment [298] of Wood Inspector was read and referred to Committee on Applications

A Communication from Benjamin Watson Register of Dogs requesting that Peace Officers might be assigned to aid him in carrying into effect the Law respecting Dogs was read & referred to the Police Committee with authority to act in the Premises.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of Desbrosses Street praying that said Street may be paved from Greenwich to Washington Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Shotwell for remission of fine incurred by driving a Cart without a License was read & referred to the Committee of Charity with power to remit.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants remonstrating against the proposed alterations in Oliver Street was read & referred to the Street [299] Committee and Alderman and Assistant of Ward.

A Memorial from Mess^{rs} Robert, John and Samuel Swartwouts praying the aid of the Corporation by a Loan of Money to enable them to complete the improvements of their Meadows at Hoboken was read—It was moved to refer the same to a Special Committee. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes & Noes being called by Alderman Morss were as follows

Ayes M^{r} Recorder Ald^{n} Hone Kip Anthony M^{c}Queen Mann Taylor Morss Mess^{rs} Bolton Stevens Tallman Board Davis Hammond (14)

Noes. Ald^{n} Morss Mess^{rs} Crane Westervelt Parker (4)

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Roosevelt Street that the drain in said Street may be [300] cleansed—was read and referred to the

Alderman & Assistant of the Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

A Petition of Lewis Kopman for remission of Tax assessed on him was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that the Poplar Trees in the Friends Burying Ground in Liberty Street may be cut down as they by breeding Caterpillars were a great nuisance to the Neighbourhood was read and leave given to Petitioners to withdraw their Petition.

A Petition of Hezekiah Allen was received stating that he commands the Ship President a regular Trader between this Port and Charleston S. Carolina—that last winter he brought among his passengers one John Aitkin & his family who reported himself to Petitioner as an American Citizen and [301] Petitioner reported him as such in his report of Passengers, that afterwards the said Aikin becoming chargeable upon the City declared himself an Alien—Whereupon Petitioner was directed by the Commissioners of the Alms House to return said Alien & his family to Charleston which he accordingly did—He therefore prayed a remission of the fine incurred by landing said Passengers without giving Bonds for them—Whereupon the said Petition was referred to the Committee of Charity with Authority to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Petition of William Somerendyck to be permitted to deposit Manure on a Lot belonging to the Corporation situated between Washington & West & Charlton & King Streets was read & referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A Petition of Geo. Griswold for remission of fine incurred by leaving Rubbish in the Street was read & granted on payment of costs.

[302] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies.

Fire Engine Company Nº 14.

Jacob Berger—Boarding house keeper—Washington corner of Robison Street, vice Peter Misk, resigned

Fire Engine Company Nº 28

James Hunt Cartman—Spring Street vice John M. Ten Brook—Expelled

The Street Commissioner presented the following

" The Street Commissioner begs leave to inform the board that all the Houses standing on Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery—that were at the disposal of the Corporation—was sold at

Auction on 15th April last, for the sum of $\$940\ {}^{50}/_{100}$—the Money was received on the 24 June except $\underline{\$67.{}^{50}/_{100}}$ due from Cornelius Bogart Esqre which will be deducted from his award. After deducting $33. [303] the Amount of the Auctioneers fees—the balance of $\underline{\$840.}$ was deposited in the Treasury.

On the 30th April—the Houses standing on Anthony Street, at the intersection of Orange & Cross Streets—and one standing on Carmine Street were sold for $606. which has been received—deducting $15 for Auctioneers fees—the Balance $591 has been deposited in the Treasury.

Respectfully Submitted
(signed) Jno McComb
Street Commissioner.

Which was directed to be filed.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Assessments with Authority to direct the property to be advertised and sold agreeably to Law.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Hammond Street from Washington to Asylum Streets, which was confirmed & Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

[304] He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Amity Street from Broadway to John Irelands line which was passed and John Targee John Brower and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors therein.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances which were passed.

1	Wm Wright	Owner	Beekman & Cliff Sts	A Lot
2	The Heirs of Jno Van Courtland S. Van Courtland	Owners Agent	Mott Street	Do
3	Jno Morss	Owner	Thompson Street	Do
4	S. Van Ransellaer N. Jarvis	Owner Agent	Mulberry Street	
5	Ns S. Bayard H. Scott	Owner Agent	Orange Street	Do
6	T. A. Ronalds	Lessee & Occupt	188 Pearl Street	A Privy
7	Mr Johnson	Owner & Occupt	66 Ann Street	Do

8	Wm J. Furman	Owner	60 Roosevelt Street	
	J. P. Simpson	Occupt		A Privy
9	[305] Miss F. Durell	Owner		
	Mrs Durell	Agent	Elm Street	Do
	T. Snowden	Occupt		
10	J. Wright	Owner		
	Townsend & White	Agents	298 Pearl Street	Do
	Lydia Corlies	Occupt		
11	Js Kennedy	Owner & Occupt	4 Crosby Street	Do
12	Cs Hawkins	Occupt	Chrystie & Delancy Streets	Do
13	The Heirs of Mrs Duryee	Owners		
	Jas Roosevelt	Agent	367 Water St.	Do
	Ann Clews	Occupt		
14	Morris Seely	Lessee & Occupt	35 Division St	Do

(Signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The City Inspector presented the following Report on Lot No 1110 Bayards farm

"The City Inspector respectfully reports on the Lot fronting on Orange Street No 1110 as deliniated on Bayards Map.

That John Gardner was ordinanced on the 12th of April last to fill in said Lot, his Agent, however called at the Office and satisfyed [306] the City Inspector that Mr Gardner was not the Owner—he owned No 1109, and complained that his Earth fell into No 1110. On the said 12th of April Lots numbered 1111, 1112 and 1113 as above deliniated—Wm Bayard, Owner—were also ordinanced and complied with. Mr Jarvis called at the Office shortly after and stated that the Lot No 1110. had no owner, that it had been sold for non payment of taxes for a certain period of years, which period had expired about Two Years ago. Under these circumstances the City Inspector presented the Report of the 17th of May Ult—inasmuch as Mr Jarvis complained that Mr Bayards Earth also fell into the Lot No 1110. Upon the return of his report the City Inspector called on Mr Jarvis and on examination he found that the Lot No 1110 was sold to Hector Scott as Agent for Nichs S. Bayard on the 27th of June 1811 for the space of 13 Years—so that there are nearly five Years of the lease unexpired but the same difficulties arise, as Mr Scott [307] lives in Baltimore and Mr Bayard in Georgia Mr Jarvis farther stated that the said Lot is again to be sold for the Canal and other Taxes unpaid.

The City Inspector cannot see any difficulty in the Board's abating the Nuisance and incorporating the expense arising therefrom with the unpaid taxes—he has not been able to find any Law or precedent for posting an Ordinance on or near the Premises; He nevertheless presents an Ordinance at a short date for that purpose—should the Board recommend the Measure.

Respectfully Submitted
(signed) George Cuming—City Inspector

Whereupon the Ordinance presented by him was passed.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of certain Persons relative to Assessment for widening & extending Harman Street, presented a Report—M^r Stevens presented a Resolution explanatory of the Resolution proposed by the Committee [308] in their Report both of which were read & laid for consideration

The Police Committee to whom had been referred sundry Petitions presented the following Report

" The Police Committee to whom the annexed Petitions were referred—Viz:

Abraham L. Smith
Martinot & Roe
Andrew Colvin
John S. Goold
David Lyon
Lawrence Anderson
John Cannon
Henry Roff
Thomas Zabriskie—and
William Brown & Others

Respectfully Report

That the above Petitions respectively have been duly considered by the Committee. That they are satisfied that if any violation of the Ordinance of this Board has [309] taken place in the case of M^r Smith, above named, it was owing to the obstinacy of the Sawyer employed to saw the Wood, and not from any negligence on the part of M^r Smith who it appeared had provided himself with a Curb as required by the said Ordinance & had ordered the same to be used.

In relation to Mess^{rs} Martinot & Roe it appeared that they caused the Straw to be removed from the Street immediately after they were notified.

M^r Colvin has satisfied the Committee that his statement is correct and that the Rates were taken from his Carriage by the Passenger who last occupied it, and that there was not any intention on his part to violate or evade any Ordinance of this Corporation.

In relation to M^r Lyon and M^r Goold it appeared that they were waiting at the Stand in the morning until the Office of the Clerk of this Board was opened, that they might renew the rates for their respective Carriages which had been taken down the night [310] previous by some persons unknown to them and that while so waiting their respective Carriages were examined by the Officer. Your Committee are aware that the cases above mentioned relative to the Hackney Coaches require the strictest attention, and ought not to receive the least indulgence from this Board, without good and sufficient reasons are assigned. They have considered the above cases under these impressions and are induced to believe the Petitioners entitled to relief.

That in relation to the Petition of John Cannon, they are satisfied that M^r^ Cannon has had a fair and impartial trial and that relief ought not to be granted.

M^r^ Roff admits his screening Lime in the Street contrary to an Ordinance of this Board, and the reasons assigned by him for so doing are not satisfactory to the Committee.

Thomas Zabriskie has not satisfied Your Committee that there was sufficient [311] cause for leaving his Hack.

That in relation to the Petition of W^m^ Brown and others inhabitants of Carmine Street; praying that this Corporation will prevent the erection of a Starch Manufactory in that Neighbourhood. Your Committee are of opinion that this Board ought not to interfere. If the Petitioners feel themselves aggrieved and are satisfied that the intended Manufactory will prove a Nuisance they have the right and ought to apply to the Grand Jury, and have the same indicted.

Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolutions

Resolved, that the prayer of the respective Petitions of Abraham L. Smith—Martinot & Roe Andrew Colvin—John S. Goold—David Lyon—& Lawrence Anderson be granted on the payment of costs.

Resolved, that the prayer of the respective petitions of John Cannon—Henry Roff—Thomas Zabriskie & William Brown and others ought not to be granted.

[312] (signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed adopted.

The Committee on Applications on the Petition of John Lozier for appointment of Measurer of Lumber, Reported

"The Committee of Applications to whom was refered the Petition of John Lozier, for Measurer & Inspector of Lumber have made the necessary inquiry and are of the opinion that the Petitioner is a proper person to receive that appointment. And ask leave to offer the following Resolution.

Resolved that John Lozier Be and is hereby appointed a Measurer and Inspector of Lumber for the City & County of New York

(signed) D. Board
" Wm A. Davis

Which was approved, the Resolution adopted [313] and he appointed accordingly.

The Canal Committee presented the following Report on the subject of the sewers to be constructed on Thompson, Chapel & Collect Streets,

" The Committee on Canal Street beg leave to make the following Report on the subject of the Sewers to be constructed on Thompson, Chapel & Collect Streets as part of the plan heretofore recommended for the regulation of Canal Street.

That they have carefully examined the said streets and find that to get a sufficient descent for the said Sewers, and at the same time extend them so as to bury their heads below the surface of the Streets; The Sewer in Thompson Street will have to be extended One hundred & fifty feet North of Broome Street. That the Sewer in Chapel Street will have to be extended to within One hundred feet of Leonard Street & that the sewer in Collect Street will have to be extended to within fifty feet of Leonard Street: [314] That in order to ascertain the sense of the Owners of property on said Street in relation to said Sewers, Your Committee some time since directed the Street Commissioner to advertise the same. A Remonstrance from some of the Proprietors on Chapel Street was in consequence presented to the board and which was referred to the Canal Committee.

Your Committee have given the same that deliberate consideration which it is entitled to, coming from those who will have to pay a part of the expenses: The objections set forth in this remonstrance are— " that the street is already regulated and paved, that it will subject them to a very heavy additional expense for what they term a doutful experiment—On the subject of expense Your Committee would remark that although the expenses will be very heavy in consequence of the Streets being already regulated & paved, yet they firmly beleive that the property on the Street would be [315] benefitted far beyond the Assessment it would be subjected to; that in place of a muddy, wet street flooded by every rain, with wet cellars; they would have a handsome dry street, with dry cellars—the Sewer on Chapel Street being indispensably necessary as a branch of the one in Canal Street, the only question is how far it ought to extend, it is the decided opinion of the Committee that it ought to be extended at least so far as to bury it under the Street which it will do by continuing it to within One hundred feet of Leonard Street; it is also the opinion of the Committee that this sewer ought to be compleated this Season.

Your Committee have also received a remonstrance from a number of the proprietors of lots of Ground on Collect Street objecting to building a Sewer on that Street at present it having been lately filled in on a muddy bottom and has not as yet had sufficient time to settle—The Committee are well satisfied that these reasons are well founded [316] and that the building of the Sewer in that Street ought to be postponed, at the same time they think it necessary that the distance it is to extend ought now to be determined, it is also the opinion of the Committee that it is not necessary that the sewer for Thompson Street should be commenced at present--but that the distance it is to extend ought to be determined—In order to carry the subjects herein recommended into effect, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions.

Resolved, that the Sewer to be built in Chapel Street extend from Canal Street to within 100 feet of Leonard Street; that the Sewer to be built in Thompson Street extend from Canal Street to 150 feet North of Broome Street: and that the sewer to be built in Collect Street, extend to within 50 feet of Leonard Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare the necessary plans for the same.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner [317] under the directions of the Canal Committee take the necessary measures for building the sewer in Chapel Street and for repaving and regulating the Street, that the same be done by contract—to be paid for when the Assessments shall be collected.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) John Morss
" Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Harm^{s} Tallman
" W^{m} A. Davis

Which was approved and the Resolutions proposed adopted—The following Resolution was presented and adopted—Resolved, that the Canal Committee consider the expediency of causing the expense of the Lateral Canals which are extended to open into the great canal to be assessed at the same time with the Principal Canal.

The Special Committee on Grand Street presented the following Report

[318] "The special Committee appointed to inquire & ascertain if any alteration was necessary in the level of Grand Street and to whom was referred the Petition of Owners & Occupants of Lots in that Street praying that an order might be issued for paving it

Respectfully Report, that they have viewed the said Street with particular attention and acquired all the information in their power to attain in relation to it. They learn that there has already been more than one expensive regulation of this Street and that the Proprietors had as they thought good reason to believe that the last would have been permanent. With this view of the subject and beleiving that the present level is not objectionable but that the ascent is moderate and not too great to allow an easy passage for loaded carts. Your Committee are of opinion that no alteration ought to be made in the level of said Street unless it be at the expense of owners of Lots on Streets in the vicinity who [319] may think it will be a material benefit to them. They therefore present the following Resolution.

Resolved that it is inexpedient at present to make any alteration in the level of Grand Street.

(signed) John Hone
" Robert M^c^Queen
" Leonard Kip
" W^m^ A. Davis

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the communication of the Comptroller stating that several persons who have purchased & leased property of the Corporation neglect to execute the necessary papers—Reported,

"That they have reflected on the suggestions made by the Comptroller, and are of opinion that it is both proper and necessary Measures should be taken to correct the evil complained of, and therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions, in substance the [320] same as those submitted by the Comptroller.

Resolved, that the Counsel be instructed to inform all persons who have purchased or leased property of the Corporation, and who have not executed the necessary papers, that unless they compleat the same forthwith, measures will be adopted to obtain possession of the property and to recover all costs and Charges which may accrue thereon.

Resolved that all future Sales or Leases of publick property; shall be made under an express stipulation that every contract must be signed, within fourteen days from the time of purchase or Lease, and that Ten per cent of the purchase money or annual rent, must be paid on the day of sale.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" John Hone
" J. Hammond

Which was approved and the Resolutions adopted.

[321] The Attorney presented the following statement of complaints which had been made to him Viz: against Geo. Griswold for encumbering the Street, the fine for which was directed to be remitted—Against Henry J. Platt—Mr Jenkins—J. Caldwell—Mrs Cha[n]dler—Mrs Fossett—Mrs Griffins—Thos Schultz—Wm Christman—Peter Seely—Mr Derevell—Wm Vultee—Mr Gregory—Mrs Usher—Clarkins & Parsins—Mr Cotte & Mr Levoo for exposing squibs & crackers for sale—against John Skidmore for encumbering the Street—Joseph Madden for permitting his dog to run at large and against P. Mallard for a similar offence. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 28 June	168.86	
Recd for Streets	14.266.22	
" Common Lands	10,535.95	
" Tax of 1818—4. 5. 8. 9 Wards	3181.82	
" Rents	5786.30	
" 6th Avenue	1000.	
[322]" Arrears of Taxes	900.	
" Commutation on Alien Passengers	571.	
" Tavern Licenses	514.50	
" Wells & Pumps	293.51	
" Docks & Slips	270.54	
" Avenue D	230.	
" Mayoralty fees	100.	
" Fire Department	61.	
		37.879.70

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st Disct	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark—Watch 2d Disct	707.
Bleakley & Brower—Watch 3d Disct	413.
Jno McComb—Street Commissr 1 Qr Salary 12 Inst	500.
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper of Pottersfield 1 Month 1st instant	45.

John Vanderbilt Jr Coroners fees 17 March to 1 July......	409.21	
Irving Smith & Holly Auction fees on Lots Public Property	388.	
David S. Jones, Costs in suit of U States Vs Hays & Williams—Counsel fee & P. A. Jay Esqr Counsel fee....	358.31	
[323] O. Edwards, Costs & fee in suit R. Varick & Costs taking Slip	353.89	
Geo. Platt work at Mud Machine 5 Weeks to 10 July.....	234.22	
B. Skaats to pay ringing Bells 4 July......................	40.50	
Thos Brown—Band of Musick Do	25.	
J. Sidell to payg Peace Officers at City Hall 4th July.......	13.50	
Leond Kip Esqr to pay M Crosby for 17 Casks Oil........	706.90	
Robt Provoost repairing Lamps in June....................	93.11	
Jno McComb St. Comr for paving Stones for Bowery......	1000.	
Jas Meghan on Acct paving Walker Street................	500.	
Jno Williams on Acct regulating Green Street............	500.	
Wm Bailey on Acct reglatg North St......................	500.	
Hugh Smith on Acct regulg Grand Street fr. Forsyth to Suffolk Street	200.	
Chas Mooney on Acct paving Leonard Street..............	200.	
Abisha Smith on Acct Curbing Washington Street.........	200.	
[324] John Culbert on Acct paving Beach Street...........	170.	
Peter Debaum, balance regulatg Greenwich Street..........	52.06	
O. Edwards—Court Charges & attorny fees opening & Widening Harman Street..............................	938.79	
Thos McGee balance for building a Well in Beach Street..	26.	
Andrew Lloyd & Zebadee Ring Junr, relinquishment of Water Lot for a Basin at Roosevelt Street..............	480.	
Peter H. Wendover—Chairn Commisrs Common Schools City proportion for 1819..............................	5532.06	
Stephen Allen Esqr Treasr Board of Health..............	1000.	
Jacob P. Roome, Supert Repairs for Repairs..............	650.	
Richard Furman—Supert Alms house....................	5.000.	
		22.379.30
	Balance	$15.500 40

Board adjourned to meet on this day Fortnight 5 oClock

[325] In Common Council July 26. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.
John Hone
E. W. King
L. Kip
J. P. Anthony
John Morss
R. McQueen
A. Mann
J. B. Taylor
G. B. Thorp
S. Allen

Assistants.
T. Bolton
S. Stevens
H. Tallman
B. Crane
J. J. Westervelt
S. Parker
S. P. Brittain
D. Board
J. Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Kalendar of persons confined in Bridewell reported by the Keeper with the following [326] observations thereon:

" From the foregoing return it appears that there were on the 19th of the present month 74 persons confined in the City prison: of these

3 are charged with Burglary

2 with Forgery

4 with grand Larceny. All these are indicted.

13 with Petit Larceny—8 of whom have been indicted and convicted. Several of the others are indicted but the trials have been postponed.

23 with Assault and Battery of whom 4 are indicted, 3 convicted and several of the others have been discharged since the return.

3 convicted of keeping disorderly houses.

5 charged as disorderly persons by the Police Office. 3 of them are sentenced as Vagrants by the Magistrates of the Police.

14 sentenced by the Police Office as Vagrants.

1 charged with an Assault and Battery with an intent to rob.

1 indicted for an attempt to commit Sodomy.

[327] 1 charged with a Highway Robbery.

1 indicted for perjury.

1 charged with Bastardy.

1 stopping a person in the night.

1 for examination.

Of these 30 are under sentence and ten are indicted. The remaining Thirty four cases were not disposed of or even taken up by the

Grand Jury because the papers which relate to them were not sent up from the Police Office, under an impression which the Justices had that after the Sessions commenced they were bound by law to refer all cases that might subsequently arise to the then next session. This error which *which* might subject persons charged with the most trifling offence to an imprisonment of several weeks has been pointed out and will be corrected. The business done at the last Session was less than usual owing to the Court having been necessarily suspended during two days of the term, and for this reason an unusual number of indictments remain untried.

[328] All which is respectfully submitted by

The Mayor.

A Letter from the Reverend Mr. Stanford transmitting to each Member of the Board a Copy of the Catechism composed by him for the use of the Children of the Alms' House and the Penitentiary which had been directed by the Common Council to be printed, was read & directed to be filed.

Petitions of John Wagner & John C. Cheesman offering themselves as Candidates for the office of Visiting Physician of the Alms' House in place of Dr. B. Akerly resigned, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Letter was received addressed to his Honor the Mayor from M. M. Noah, Printer to the Corporation, complaining that the Committee to whom had been referred the subject of printing the Charter had [329] given the work to another Printer which he considered an infringement of his rights under the Resolution of the Board which appointed him their printer. The same having been read was laid for consideration. It was afterwards called up, when Mr. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee to whom the subject of printing the Charter had been referred, presented Two Letters which he had received from Mr. Noah. After some discussion Alderman King moved that Mr. Noah have leave to withdraw his petition. The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative. It was then directed that the same be laid on the Table.

A Petition of William DeGraw for Stall No. 1 Grand Street Market; of Jonathan Weldt for Stall No. 40 Fly Market; of Elizabeth Brewer to rent the Cellar under the Washington Market lately held by Mr. Westervelt, and a complaint by the persons licensed to retail vegetables in the Fly Market that unlicensed persons (others than Farmers and Gardeners.) [330] are in the practice of forestalling the Market and vending vegetables, which is injurious to the Citizens and to the persons who hold regular licences and praying that such persons may be restrained in future, were severally read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from Claudius G. Fontaine for remission of penalty recovered against him for selling goods by auction in the Street was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A petition of James Oakley to be permitted to break ground and construct an Area at No. 114 Liberty Street was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of Samuel Lloyd to be employed in making out the Jury List was [331] read and referred to the Committee on that subject.

A petition of Sarah Baker to be relieved from a judgment recovered against her for not reporting a Sick Boarder to the Health Officer was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition for a Well corner of Catharine and Henry Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of John Sleep, a native of Great Britain, praying pecuniary aid to enable him to return to the country of his Birth, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' House.

A petition of George Seaman for an appointment as a Measurer of Lime was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

[332] A Memorial was received from James Edmonstone stating that the vacant grounds belonging to the Corporation in the vicinity of the City might with small expence be brought into culture and made very productive and offering his services for that purpose, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A petition of Frederick Ridabock a Fireman belonging to Fire Engine Company No. 24 stating that from some mistake by the former Clerk of the Common Council his appointment as a Fireman had not been entered on the minutes & though he had served the period prescribed by law yet he was not able to procure the necessary Certificate from the present Clerk for his discharge and praying relief. Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[333] A petition of William S. Smith for permission to construct a vault in front of No. 83 Duane Street and a similar petition from Lucas and Riley for a vault in front of No. 27 and part of No. 25 Cliff Street, also a petition of Moses Dodd for a vault in Pearl Street

were severally read and granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition of John Peterson praying time for payment of an Assessment laid on him for opening Anthony Street was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A petition of James B. Demarest praying repayment of an Arrearage of Tax in the Eighth Ward which he had paid to the Collector but which he lately discovered had been previously paid was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was presented from Abijah Hammond [334] proposing to convey to the Corporation for the purpose of a scite for a market Lot No. 1 being one of Four Blocks or lots of ground at Greenwich between Washington and West Streets, north of and adjoining to the line of the State Prison ground as designated on a map accompanying said memorial—he in consideration therefor to receive a grant of the right to the Water as far as West Street in front of the 3 lots Nos. 2. 3. 4. which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A farther petition was presented from George Robertson stating that the Committee to whom his former petition had been referred reported that a compensation was to be made to him for his lot by the Hebrew Society whereas it appears said Society received no benefit thereby, and urging that as his property was taken for public purposes the public should see that justice was done to him: which [335] being read was referred to the Street Commissioner and Counsel.

A petition from William Ferdon for remission of fine under Law respecting Carmen was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Le Grand Jarvis was received stating that he had executed a correct and accurate Map of the Sixth Ward for which if considered of utility to the public he would be satisfied with a reasonable compensation. The said petition was accompanied with a certificate from the Assessors of the 6th Ward stating that in their late Assessment they had tested the accuracy of said Map and had found great advantages from the same. Wherupon the petition was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed [336] and Collectors appointed on each. Viz

For regulating and paving Anthony Street and also Little Water Street and for repaving the Bowery from Chatham Square to Grand Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector; for repaving Orchard Street near North Street, for a Well and pump in Lombardy

Street near Corlaer Street and for regulating First Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed therein: Viz—for regulating and paving Chamber Street from Washington to West Street and for regulating and paving Warren Street from Washington to West Street and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors, and for regulating and paving Liberty Street from Greenwich Street to [337] West Street and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors therein.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 22."

Michael Degroff, Ship Joiner, Division St. 7 ward vice Dougal M^c^Michael, discharged.

The Attorney presented the following Report of complaints made to him: Viz. against Walter Bowne for not complying with an Ordinance for filling in a lot; against the Street Contractors on ten sundry complaints against them; against John L. Riker and Samuel Fitch for leaving their vaults open without a curb round the same; against John G. Young, Sexton of the Brick Meeting Church for interring the corpse of a person named Ralph May who died of the Savannah Fever; and against Peter Plesslin, Hunt Underhill, Bogart and Demarest and others for running Hacks [338] without Licences. Whereupon the same were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller, on the accounts of Reuben Munson Esqr. as Chairman of the Lamp Committee, and Treasurer of the Board of Health, Reported:

"That he has examined the accounts of Reuben Munson Esqr. late Chairman of the Lamp Committee and finds a balance of $513.58 due to the Corporation for sundries received by him, which was paid to the Treasurer on the 3^d^ instant.

"He has also examined the account of R. Munson Esqr. late Treasurer of the Board of Health. The balance $255.19 he paid into the Treasury on the 22^d^ instant."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which accounts were directed to be filed.

[339] The Comptroller, on the petition of Willam Craig for payment of the proceeds of the Estate of Edward Rogers, reported that it was a case which in his opinion required the advice of Counsel as to the course to be pursued. Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel of the Board.

The Counsel, on the awards for property of Franklin & others and J. Mason at Roosevelt Slip, reported:

" That he has taken the necessary measures to vest in the Corporation the property belonging to Walter Franklin & others and to John Mason which is required for the purpose of forming a public Slip between James Street and Roosevelt Slip. The Jury have awarded to John Mason $1375. and to Walter Franklin and others $2750.

" Lord and King assigned their leasehold interest in pursuance of their agreement with the Corporation.

" Upon the above sums being paid or [340] tendered to the owners of the property the Corporation will be entitled to take possession of it."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

Whereupon Ordered that Warrants issue, if necessary, during the recess of the Board for payment of said awards.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances:

1	S. Van Rennselaer	Own	Orange St.	A Lot
	N. Jarvis	Agt.		
2	S. Van Rennselaer	Own	Mulberry St.	do.
	N. Jarvis	Agt.		
3	S. Van Rennselaer	Own	Mott St.	do.
	N. Jarvis	Agt.		
4	S. Van Rennselaer	Own	Grand St.	do.
	N. Jarvis	Agt.		
5	Wm Bakewell	Own	Mott St.	do.
6	Joshua Sanford	do	Mott & Grand Sts	do.
7	Jacob Berry	do	Grand St.	do.
8	Estate of N. Bayard		Grand & Elizabeth Sts.	do.
	S. N. Bayard	Agt.		
9	[341] J. J. Lockwood	Own	Orange St.	do.
10	Wm Bayard	do.	Mulberry St.	do.
11	do.	do.	Grand St.	do.
12	Wm & G. Post	Own	Grand & Orange Sts.	do.

13	Andrew Paff	Own	Grand & Mott Sts.	A Lot
14	J. H. McIntosh S. N. Bayard	Own Agt.	Grand & Crosby Sts.	do.
15	A. H. Lawrence	Owner	Grand & Crosby Sts.	do
16	Gerard Rutgers	Owner	Grand & Crosby Sts.	do
17	Mrs Cornelia Livingston,	Owner	Mulberry St.	do
18	Do Do Do	Do	Do	do
19	J. S. Clarkson	owner	Broadway & Grand Street	do
20	Bunting & Shaffer	Owners	Grand Street	do
21	Moses Field	Owner	Anthony Street	do
22	J. R. Livingston T. Miller	Owner Agent	Cross Street	do.
23	C. J. Bogert J. G. Bogert,	Owner Agent	70 Cross Street	do.
24	John Ackerman	Lessee & Occupt	Washington St.	do
25	Philip Rhinelander	Owner	do.	do.
26	Ths Foote	Lessee & Occupt	do.	do
27	Chas McEvers	Owner	Thompson Street	do
28	James Cowan	Owner	512 Pearl Street	do
29	[342] James Cowan	Owner	Collect Street	do
30	B. Livingston Prest of the Board of Trustees, Columbia College J. Sandford W. Dusenberry & Stewt Elder	 Occupts	Chapel Street	Do
31	S. Baker Mr Sandford	Owner Trustee	Canal Street	Do
32	Mr Bruen	Owner & Occupt	191 Pearl St	A Privy
33	J. C. Morton T. Miller	Owner Occupt	2 Republican Alley	Do
34	Dr Walters Mrs Adams	Owner Occupt	32 Reed Street	Do
35	W. Bowne P. Brooks	Owner Occupt	60 Anthony Street	Do
36	B. Pell Ann Smith	Owner Occupt	1 Pelham Street	Do
37	B. Pell D. Dusenberry	Owner Occupt	114 Lombardy Street	Do
38	Js Pegg	Lessee & Occupt	43 Maiden lane	Do
39	N. Phillips Prest	Jews Synagouge		Do
40	Js Prince	Owner & Occupt	77 Lombardy Street	Do

41	R^{t} Kinner	Owner & Occup^{t}	150 William St	A Privy
42	[343] G. Moore	Owner	58 Cedar Street	D^{o}
	M. Depeyster	Agent		
	J^{s} Hammond	Occup^{t}		
43	M^{rs} Fields	Owner & Occup^{t}	Bowery & Spring St.	D^{o}

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

He also stated that the Slip at Fly Market was offensive in consequence of Shells and Sheeps heads having been deposited at the Head of the Slip—Whereupon the same was referred to the Market Committee with authority to correct the nuisance.

The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ab^{m} Van Ranst, Reported as follows

"The Ferry Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Abraham Van Ranst stating that by a lease he has taken of the Proprietors of the Ferry at the foot of DeLancy Street he is compelled to keep his house open on the Sabbath day, And by an [344] Ordinance of the Corporation he is obliged to keep his door shut on that day, Report, That they have examined the Ordinance or Law for the due Observance of the first day of the Week called Sunday and find nothing therein that compels him to keep his house shut upon said day, they therefore recommend the following Resolution—Resolved that the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition.

(signed) Asa Mann
" John P Anthony
" E. W. King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on the Petition of Richard Jennings Reported as follows

"The Finance Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Richard Jennings stating that he was collector of wharfage for the proprietors of the Bulkhead and [345] Piers between Roosevelt Street and James Slip and that the same being purchased for public purposes he is deprived of an income of 175 dollars per year, and hopes to be granted a compensation for his loss,—Report—that in the opinion of Your Committee the request of M^{r} Jennings is entirely inadmissable and they therefore recommend the following Resolution—Resolved that Richard Jennings have leave to withdraw his Petition.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" J. Hammond
" B. Crane
" S. P. Brittain
" John Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Elizabeth Gedney Reported

" That the amount of the award payable to the Petitioner on the [346] first day of September next is 562 dollars—and the sum required to compleat the moving and repairing of her House is 300 Dollars. The Committee are of opinion that the petitioner ought to be accomodated by an advance of the amount requested, & therefore recommend the following Resolution—Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Elizabeth Gedney for Three hundred Dollars, as part of the Sum awarded her for ground taken to widen Grand Street, and that on paying her the balance of said award, he deduct so much as will amount to the interest on the Sum thus advanced.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" J. Hammond
" B. Crane
" S. P. Brittain
" John Hone

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant [347] accordingly.

The Same Committee on the Petition of Abraham Bloodgood Reported

" That the several sums awarded in the above case, except that to M^r Bloodgood was paid the proprietors of the ground, in cash or Bonds of the Corporation in June 1810; and that it appears by a Memorandum made at the time by the Comptroller that M^r Abraham Bloodgood refused to receive the amount of his award, tendered him on the first day of June 1810 by the Chamberlain. What were the reasons which induced M^r Bloodgood to refuse the Sum thus tendered him, the Committee have not been able to learn, but they have no hesitation in saying, that by such refusal, he has forfeited all claim either in justice or equity, to the interest on the Sum due him, and they therefore recommend the following Resolution, directing a Warrant for the [348] original amount of the award.

Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant in favor of Ab^{m} Bloodgood for One hundred Dollars, being the amount awarded for ground taken to open Canal Street.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" J. Hammond
" B. Crane
" S. P. Brittain
" John Hone

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Desbrosses Street—Reported

" That your Committee having examined the situation of Desbrosses Street, are of opinion that the request of the Petitioner ought to be granted, especially as that part of Washington Street is now to be [349] paved—They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution

Resolved, that Desbrosses Street be paved between Greenwich and Washington Street—and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(Signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss
" Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following communication

" The Committee on the Fire Department respectfully represent to the Board that in consequence of Oliver Street running through to Chatham Square the Engine Houses in Fayette Street have been removed and Engines N^{os} 15 and 17 are deposited in the Public Yard. N^{o} 42 [350] is without a permanent place—It becomes necessary that a suitable place be assigned for those Engines—Your Committee have made inquiry and are of opinion that Roosevelt Street would be a proper place for two of those Engines, and respectfully inform the

Board that on the rear of a Lot in Roosevelt Street leased from the Board by M^{r} Jedediah Waterman is a Building that at *at* a small expense can be made suitable for the reception of Two Engines. Your Committee have annexed to this Communication the opinion of two respectable Citizens as to what would be a just compensation to M^{r} Waterman for the building per year for the remainder of his lease to which the Committee refer this Honorable Board, and offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department are hereby impowered [351] to lease from M^{r} Jedediah Waterman a Building on the Rear of his Lot of Ground in Roosevelt Street for the remainder of his Term for a Sum not exceeding Two hundred Dollars per year.

Respectfully submitted

(Signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^{c}Queen
" H. Tallman

Whereupon the Resolution therein proposed was adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Chief Engineer in relation to the Floating Engine presented the following Report

" The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Report of the Chief Engineer stating that the late floating Engine is now permanently erected in the Corporation Yard on Leonard Street for the express purpose of a supply Engine for extinguishing Fires in that part [352] of the City and as he deems it expedient that a Sufficient number of able bodied Men should be selected to take charge of the Machine, he therefore respectfully suggests for the consideration of the Board that a Company be formed to consist of at least Twelve Men and Respectfully proposes the following persons—Jacob P. Roome as Foreman—Jacob Smith Jun^{r} as Assistant.—W^{m} Roome—Isaac Skaats, William M. Wilson and John Bowman, Report that they are of opinion that the Report of the Chief Engineer ought to be adopted and Respectfully recommend the following Resolutions

Resolved that the late Floating Engine be and is hereby denominated Supply Engine N^{o} 1.

Resolved that Jacob P. Roome be Foreman and Jacob Smith J^{r} Assistant and William Roome, Isaac Skaats William M. Wilson and

John Bowman Members of Supply Engine Company [353] N° 1, and they are hereby made Fire men of the City of New York.

Respectfully submitted by
(Signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert M^c^Queen
" H. Tallman

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred a Resolution on the subject of the ground for the New Market at Fulton Street presented a Report which was read and directed to lay on the table—M^r^ Allen presented the following Resolution which was agreed to—Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to devise ways and means for the paying of the Amount at which the ground between Beekman Slip and Crane Wharf may be valued by the Commissioners. A Resolution proposed by the Committee in their Report was called up considered and agreed to in the [354] words following—Resolved that the Counsel of the Board take such means as to him appear advisable to prevent the further improvements of the Premises if there is any probability of those improvements being assessed to the Corporation.

The Street Committee and the Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward to whom was referred the Petition for Straightening the Westerly line of Oliver Street presented the following Report

" That they heard the arguments of the Petitioners in favor of the improvement, and also those who have remonstrated against the alteration. And your Committee on mature consideration are of opinion that the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted as it will not only improve the appearance of the Street but will be a Public improvement by giving a more direct view through the [355] Street—They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution.

Resolved that the Westerly line of Oliver Street be straightened between Chatham Square and Bancker Street so as to agree with the line between Bancker and Oak Streets, and that the Counsel be instructed to take legal measures for carrying said improvement into effect.

Also Resolved—that the Easterly line be extended about 13 feet on Chatham Square & running to a Point at Bancker Street—so as to be parallel to the West line—provided there is no legal objections thereto.

(Signed) Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" B. Crane
" John P. Anthony
" John Morss

Upon the question of agreeing to the first Resolution it was carried in the Affirmative—the Ayes & Noes having been [356] called by Mr Parker were as follows.

Ayes Mr Recorder—Aldr Hone—King—Kip—Anthony—Morss—McQueen—Mann—Thorp—Allen—Messr Bolton—Stevens—Tallman Crane—Westervelt—Brittain—Board. Hammond [17]

Noes Aldn Taylor—Mr Parker

The Question was then taken on the Second Resolution & agreed to—It was then ordered that the Seal of the Common Council be placed to the Petition to the Superiour Court during the recess of the Board.

The Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward presented the following Report of their visit agreeably to the Resolution of the Board to the Alms house and Penitentiary Establishment at Belle-vue—which was directed to be filed

[357] " The Alderman and Assistant of the first Ward whose duty it was to visit and inspect the Alms House and Penitentiary in conformity to a Resolution of the Common Council

Respectfully make the following Report

We devoted the whole of Monday the 19th Instant to the examination of those highly important Public Institutions, and found the apartments in as good order and generally as free from filth and offensive smells as could reasonably be expected and the Persons who reside or are confined in them clean and orderly. In justice to the Gentlemen at the head of both establishments we must add that they received no previous intimation of our intended visit.

The Children in the Alms house and the Boys in the Penitentiary appear to have been much benefited by the instruction they have received, the writing of some of the Boys in the Alms House proves that they possess talent, and that their teachers have not been inattentive to the discharge of their duty. We particularly examined the Kitchen, Bake, [358] and Wash houses and found them in perfect order. The Manufactories are also in good order and apparently well conducted, on the limited Scale to which it is thought prudent now to confine them.

The Female Maniacs are still confined in the low uncomfortable situation described by their honours the Mayor and Recorder in the last Monthly Report, it however appears to us that the keeper does every thing in his power to have their apartments kept as well aired and clean as possible, and we were pleased to find that most of these unfortunate women are sometimes permitted to walk in the Yard.

There are now in the Alms house

Men	Women	Boys	Girls		
343	369	363	244	total	1319.

In July 1818 there were	1184.

Now in the Penitentiary

Males	Females		
190	153	total	343

In July 1818—there were	318
[359] the highest number that has been confined in this Building at any former period was	380.

There were about One hundred Convicts at work on the third Avenue, their appearance and deportment gave us great satisfaction instead of the squalid, emaciated Wretches that appear on trial in our Courts for offences against the Laws, it gave us pleasure to see clean, healthy, robust Men most of whom were labouring without apparent reluctance.

We cannot refrain from expressing our entire approbation of this mode of employing the unfortunate Men whose Crimes or Misdemeanors, subject them to exclusion from the more virtuous part of the Community.

(Signed) John Hone
" Thomas Bolton

The Market Committee on the Petition of Joel Post Reported as follows

" The Market Committee to whom [360] was refered the annexed Petition of Joel Post, praying to be released from a contract made by William Innis & C° (of which firm he is the surviving Partner) for a lease of the Cellar under Grand Street Market.

Offer the following Resolution—Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

(Signed) H. Tallman
" Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" John Hone
" J. J. Westervelt

Whereupon the Resolution proposed was adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Amos Wood for Stall N° 18 Fly Market Reported

" The Market Committee to whom was refered the Application of

Amos Wood for license for Stall Nº 18 Fly [361] Market offer the following Resolution

Resolved that the above prayer of the Petitioner be granted.

(Signed) H. Tallman
" Leonard Kip
" J. J. Westervelt
" Stephen Allen
" John Hone

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments to whom was refered a Communication from the Street Commissioner relating to Delinquents on Assessments—Reported as follows

" The Committee on Assessments to whom the above Communication was referred having duly considered the subject are of opinion that the property ought to be advertised and sold according to Law—They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to advertise the Delinquent prop- [362] erty as described on the List herewith—and to sell the same agreeably to Law.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John P. Anthony
" John Morss
" Tho^{s} Bolton

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the Petition of Alexander Ritchie Reported as follows

" The Committee on Assessments to whom was referred the Petition of Alexander Ritchie praying that the mistake may be rectifyed which is made by the Assessors—They have rated him at Seven Thousand Dollars by mistake, as appears by the certificate of the Assessors, which they the Assessors confess ought to be only Seven hundred Dollars. Your Committee beg leave to report that they have the certificates of the Ninth Ward [363] Assessors before them stating that the mistake happened by copying the Books, Your Committee beg leave to state that it is the opinion of the Assessors, as well as of the Committee that Alexander Ritchie ought not to pay the full amount of that Assessment, but that he only pay ten per cent of said Tax—Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution,

Resolved—that the Collector of the ninth Ward be instructed to collect no more than Ten per Cent of the Money Assessed on M^r Alexander Ritchie—all of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John P. Anthony
" John Morss
" Tho^s Bolton
" E. W. King

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was [364] referred the Petition of Nicholas Fish Reported

"That sometime since North Street was regulated from Chrystie to Willet Street—That an Assessment therefore was made and afterwards only confirmed by this Corporation—Against which assessment M^r Fish complains

That from the opinion of the Counsel of this Board hereunto annexed, and to which the Committee beg leave to refer, it appears that the Corporation do not possess the power of annulling an Assessment for regulating a Street after the same has been confirmed by them, and that of course the request of the Memorialist cannot be granted.

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John P. Anthony
" John Morss
" Tho^s Bolton

Alderman King moved that the [365] Report and Petition be referred to a Special Committee—the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative—It was then ordered to be filed, and on motion the Collector was directed to proceed in the collection of the Assessment.

Alderman Allen presented the following Resolution which was unanimously agreed to.

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to enquire if the provisions of a Resolution passed the 13th day of March 1813. granting the freedom of the City with a piece of plate to the Late Captain James Lawrence have been complied with, and if not, whether it is now expedient and proper to carry into effect said Resolution so far as to present to the family of Captain Lawrence the mementos of his gallantry in the capture and destruction of the British Sloop of War Peacock.

[366] An Ordinance was presented by the Recorder entitled "an Ordinance to prevent the clandestine Introduction of Aliens into the City of New York" which was read by paragraphs & passed.

The Comptroller Reported.

Balance in the Treasury 12 Inst	15.500.40
Recd for Tax of 1818—1. 2. 3d Wards	3.186.51
" Arrears of Tax	177.78
" Excise	3.200.
" Lamps	513.58
" Police Office	53.39
	$22.631.66

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st Disct including extra	1172.50
Hibberd & Clark—Watch 2d Disct	707.
Bleakley & Brower—Watch 3d Disct	413.
Henry Leek—Capt 1st Disct Extra Duty 22d June	93.
Jacob Morton Clk. Common Council 1 Qrs Salary 1st August	312.50
[367] Andres Van Orden—Keeper of the Battery 1 Month 19th Instant	45.
Wm B. Cozzens—Dining for Corporation 5th July	831.50
John Ritchie preparing ammunition for Artillery 5th July	56.62
Wm Whittaker poor Witness Order'd by Court 17th Inst	6.
Johnson Concklin—poor Witness Order'd by Court 15th Inst	3.
Fredk Yoemans on Acct regulatg Mercer Street	1000.
John McComb Street Commissioner for paving stone	500.
Jas Meghan balance paving Walker Street	386.39
Jacob C. Mott & Associates making sundry Assessments	353.
Pinkerton & Forgye on acct paving Hammond Street	300.
John Culbert on acct paving Beach Street	150.
Chas Mooney paving Leonard Street	377.99
[368] Richd Moran paving at foot Oliver Street & at Catharine Markt	95.85
Jas Meghan repairing intersections Streets	90.28
Henry Voorhis paving intersections	10.31
Henry Voorhis—1st Installment Well in Lombardy Street	35.
Hugh Smith for Earth on Corporation Ground at Collect	78.75
Geo. Lovett on acct filling and forming a Reef at the Battery	5000.
John Anderson driving piles on new line Battery	35.
Geo. Lovett on acct building Pier at New ferry Brooklyn	1170.
Thos Barnum Superg Wharves 24 days to 25 July	48.
B. Oblenis Clerk Police Office Salary to 17 July & Expenses	248.58
Mechanics Bank Interest on Bonds to 1 July 1819	3402.65
Peter Bonnett Interest on Bond 6 Months to 3d Instant	113.79

[369] John Randel Jr on acct Maps &c 9 Ward	359.50	
Jacob P. Roome Supg Repairs for Repairs	2000.	
J. P. Roome—Supt Repairs for repairg Piers 28. 39 & Ferry Stairs at Catharine Slip	135.	
		19.530.21
	Balance	$3101.45

Board adjourned to meet this day fortnight 4 oClock.

[370] In Common Council August 9th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	Harmanus Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robt McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	Wm A. Davis
Geo. B. Thorp	Judah Hammond
Stephen Allen	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition was received from John J. Staples stating that the House No 34 Hudson Street the property of his infant daughter is advertised for Sale on the 10th for non payment of Assessment for opening [371] Hudson Street to amt of \$309 $^{28}/_{100}$—that an application to authorise the Sale of same is now depending in the Court of Chancery, that the present intended Sale would generally depress the value of said property and praying time may be given to the first of November for paying of the Assessment. A Petition from Elizabeth Ruckle stating that a Lot corner of Duane and Hudson Street was advertised for Sale by the Street Commissioner on the 10th inst for Non payment of Canal Street Assessment—that the same is the property of her infant Children and that an order has lately been obtained from the Court of Chancery by the Guardians for sale of same & praying farther time to make payment of the Assessment due—Also a Petition of Elisabeth Evertson stating that a small house and Lot in Thompson Street near Broome Street was advertised for sale for non payment of Assessment thereon and praying further time for [372] payment—and a Petition from James Riker for farther time to pay an Assessment laid on him for opening Hudson Street were severally read and referred to the Finance Committee and the Street Commissioner was directed to delay the sales of the foregoing property until the further order of the Board.

A Letter from John Nitchie Esq^r to the Clerk transmitting a Copy of the 3^rd Report of the American Bible Society for each of the members of the Common Council & their Officers was read and the Clerk was directed to acknowledge the Receipt of the Same and to present the thanks of the Common Council for this mark of attention.

A Petition of Schuyler Baxter for release of a Judgement recovered against him for violating an Ordinance of the Corporation was read and referred [373] to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Edward Hitchcock Lessee of Public Wharves stating that the Bridge or Stairs at Whitehall had been carried away by the late storm and praying it may be repaired was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Complaint of sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich Village of being much annoyed by certain persons of color practising as Musicians with Drums and other instruments through the Village was read and referred to the Committee on Police.

A Petition of John Givan for permission to construct a Vault in Cedar Street was read and granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of John Sutton [374] Master of French Ship L'Eugeme was presented stating—that he was engaged at Antwerp by a Company denominated the Swiss Colonization Society to take a number of Passengers intended to make a Settlement on the Illinois or Missouri Territory—that he was engaged to land said Passengers at Amboy in New Jersey—that unacquainted with this Country he was informed Amboy was contiguous to and in the waters of the Hudson of New York that he accordingly came into the Port of New York but without landing any of his passengers proceeded directly to Amboy where he landed the Passengers and their Baggage the whole of whom have no intention of coming to this State but have made contracts for lands in the Missouri & Illinois Territory—that after landing said Passengers at Amboy he came to this City and has been prosecuted for violation of the Law respecting [375] Alien Passengers and praying relief

Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit the Penalty if in their Judgement proper.

A Petition of Michael Larkin for remission of fine for selling

Liquor without License was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of Benjamin Weaver for remission of fine incurred for keeping Hogs within his yard upon which he was imprisoned—was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices with power to remit the fine if they judged it expedient.

A Petition of Arnold J. D. Bowser praying release from a judgement obtained against him for casting offensive substances in the Street and on which he was in Prison was referred to same Committee with like powers.

[376] A Remonstrance from a number of Freeholders and Inhabitants against the proposed widening of Frankfort Street between William Street & Chatham Street was read & referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Charles McCarthy was presented stating that he is Lessee under the Corporation of certain Ground in Cherry Street—that an Encroachment was made on his Lot by an adjoining Tenent holding under the Corporation, that he heretofore made complaint to the Corporation of said encroachment, and was directed to have recourse to legal remedies therefore, but was deterred from the same by the expence and trouble thereof—that he understands that the Corporation are or will be in possession of the said adjoining Lot and he now prays relief—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of 4th Ward.

[377] A Remonstrance of William Lawrence and others Proprietors of Ground and of Water Lots situate between Dover Street and Roosevelt Street remonstrating against an Ordinance of the Corporation of the 28th of June last ordering the owners & Occupants of Lots of Ground under Water fronting on South Street between Dover and Roosevelt Street to cause a Bulkhead to be made on the most Southerly line of South Street and praying on account of the extreme pressure of the times and as the said measure is not required for public convenience that the said Ordinance may be repealed was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves Piers & Slips.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants was received stating that there are two small markets at the Lower end of Grand Street—One of which is sufficient for the accomodation of the Inhabitants and praying that the old one or one first erected may be [378] removed—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Memorial from Sundry Inhabitants complaining of a large deposit of Manure at the foot of Pelham Street highly offensive to the Neighbourhood was read & referred to the City Inspector.

A Petition for a Well near the corner of Market and Bancker Street was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward & Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Memorial from the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company praying extension of time for filling up certain Lots of Ground on Bleecker Street bounded by Mercer and Greene Streets was read and time extended to 1st November next.

[379] A Petition of Wm G. Ward to be appointed a City Weigher was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition for extending the limits of Greenwich Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition that Ludlow Street between Grand & De Lancy Street may be paved was referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Trivett was received stating that he has obtained a License for carrying on the trade or business of a Pawnbroker and Dealer in second articles—that neither his License nor as he understands the Law on that subject restricts him to carry on said business at one place only—That he has been prosecuted by the Attorney of the Corporation for exercising said business at more than one place and praying said suit may be [380] withdrawn—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter from Robert Macomb to his Honor the Mayor was presented by him and read which stated that he had a proposition to make for supplying the City with Water for all Domestic and Public purposes and requesting a Committee to be appointed to whom his plan might be explained—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

The following persons were appointed Firemen. the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Jasper Corning. mercht. 37 Dey St. 3d Ward. vice Matthew Mandeville. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 21."

F. W. Leeds. Clerk 90 Warren St. 5 ward [381] vice Samuel Lowe. Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 26."

Eliphaz Tracy. Shipwright. 95 Henry. 7 ward vice Joseph W. Rogers. Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 37."

Fred. R. Lee. Clerk. 41 Essex St. 10 Ward vice Thomas Blair Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 39."

J. F. Williams. Grocer. 53 Robinson St. 3d Ward vice Henry Lott. Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed: Viz. for regulating Fourth Street from the Bowery to 6th Avenue and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector, and for regulating the lower end of North Street from Lewis to Willet Street and John G. Betts was appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed and Assessors appointed therein: Viz. for regulating & paving Market Street [382] between Harman and Cherry Streets and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors: for regulating & repaving Chapel St. from Canal St. to near Leonard St. and for building a Drain or Sewer in Chapel St. from the Main Sewer in Canal St. to near Leonard Street and John Targee, Peter Hawes & Roger Strong were appointed Assessors in each: also for regulating & paving Church Street from Lispenard to Canal Street and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors: also for a Well & pump in Henry Street between Catharine & Market Streets and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Haviland Weeks were appointed Assessors; also for regulating the Sixth Avenue from Carmine Street to Greenwich Lane, for regulating Carmine Street from Clarkson Street to Sixth Avenue [383] and for regulating Clarkson Street from the Bulkhead to Carmine Street and Abraham Bloodgood, Ezekiel Bishop & Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors in each: and an Ordinance for regulating & paving Desbrosses Street from Greenwich to Washington Street & Abraham Baudouine, John Brower & Haviland Weeks were appointed Assessors in each.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances: Viz.

1	J. Hopper & J. Warner	Own.	Delancey & Lewis	Lot
2	B. Winthrop	do	Essex & Stanton	do.
3	President & Directors of Manhattan Company	do	Bleecker St.	do
4	Thos. Cooper	do.	Essex & Delancey	do

5	Thos. Cooper	Own.	Essex St.	Lot
6	M. Hoffman	do	do.	do
7	Hoyt & Tom	do.	do.	do
8	Mr. Bailey	do.	do.	do
9	J. Parshall	do.	Norfolk & Delancey	do.
10	J. Parshall	do.	Norfolk St.	do.
11	[384] Thos. Cooper	do.	do.	do.
12	M. Hoffman	do.	do.	do.
13	J. Smith	Own.	13 Elm St.	do
	P. Crook	Occ.		
14	T. McConkey	Own	15 do.	do
15	H. Thorn	Own	86 & 88 Broad St.	do
	R. Snow S. Stephens &			
	G. Bruce	Occ.		
16	C. Burgh & J. Oakley Jr.		274 Cherry St.	do
	Margaret Green	Occ.		
17	C. Burgh & J. Oakley Jr.		276 do.	do
	M. Flangahan	Occ.		
18	J. McComb	Agt.	321 Washington	do
	S. Van Antwerp	Occ.		
19	Dr. I. Ball	Less & Occ.	98 Chamber	do
20	E. Hoyt	Own	Goerck & Broome	do
	J. Mulvin	Occ.		
21	T. Legget Jr. C. Stout &c.		46 Essex St.	do
22	S. Torbert	Own.	1 Harman St.	do
	R. Ogden	Occ.		
23	Mrs. K. Dobbs	Own	81 Fulton	do

(Signed) G. Cuming. C. I.

Which were passed.

[385] The Attorney presented the following complaints which had been made to him & which were directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Viz. Against Mr. Pel for having his Vault open and no Curb around the same; against William Adrian a Cartman for having too small a Tail Board to his Cart; against George Janeway for permitting his horse to run loose in the street; against Joseph D. Palmer for not having rates in his Hack Carriage with a petition from Palmer; against Samuel Tripp of Sloop Hero from Providence Rhode Island for bringing Four Aliens & not reporting them; against Captain Stephen Waring for not paying wharfage to lessee of Public Slips; by Joseph Simpson Sealer of Weights & Measures against A. Keeler,

Theophilus Pierce & John Johnson for having deficient Weights or Measures.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition of Frederick [386] Ridabock, Reported:

"That satisfactory testimony has been produced to your Committee that the petitioner has served as a Fireman 15 years previous to the 1st of May 1816 and respectfully offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized to give to Frederick Ridabock a Certificate of having served as a Fireman for 15 years prior to the 1st of May 1816."

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" H. Tallman
" R. McQueen

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips presented the following Communication:

"That circumstances unavoidable have prevented Joshua Jones and his Associates from carrying into effect the [387] Resolutions of this Board relative to the building of the piers at the foot of Vesey & Barclay Streets. Mr. Jones on his part has always been ready to perform his share of the contemplated work but owing to the severe indisposition of Mr. Burger and the refusal of one of the parties to join in the expence the business is at present suspended. Mr. Jones however proposes, with the permission of the Board, to join with the Corporation in building the pier at the foot of Vesey Street conformably to the Resolution passed the 14th of June last, provided he may be permitted to extend the sunken block in front of his property one block and one bridge in the River.

"The Committee are of opinion that the building of the pier at the foot of Vesey Street is the most important part of the whole plan as it completes a convenient and spacious slip between Fulton & Vesey Streets in the immediate vicinity of the Washington Market and will add much [388] to the general accommodation of that part of the City, and is at the same time the most economical method of effecting the object that can be adopted. They therefore propose the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that on Joshua Jones's complying with the terms of a Resolution of this Board passed the 14th of June last so far as relates to the pier at the foot of Vesey Street the Street Commissioner be instructed to contract for said pier agreeably to said Resolution.

" Resolved that Joshua Jones be authorised under the direction of the Street Commissioner to rebuild the sunken block in front of his property near Vesey Street & to add thereto one block & one bridge."

(signed) Steph. Allen
" Asa Mason
" H. Tallman
" R. McQueen

which Resolutions were agreed to.

[389] The Finance Committee, on petition of Henry Merritt, Reported:

" That the piece of ground alluded to is part of a lot taken by the Commissioner to widen Grand Street and is about 5 feet front & rear and feet deep and fronts on Grand & Elm Streets: That your Committee are informed Merritt the petitioner has lately disposed of his property to Mr. Jones who proposes purchasing the ground in lieu of Merritt and to pay the price paid by the Committee. Your Committee are of opinion that the land is of little or no value to any one except to the owner of the adjoining lot now in possession of Jones and that the price to be paid is fair and equitable. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the necessary writings for the conveyance of a Strip of land at the corner of Grand and Elm Streets to Jones, and that said Jones pay as the [390] consideration for said land the sum of Three hundred Dollars."

(signed) S. Allen
" J. Hammond
" J. Hone

which was approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

The same Committee who were instructed to enquire respecting a Resolution of the Board voting to the late Captain Lawrence of the United States' Navy a piece of plate, Reported:

" That they have ascertained from Mrs. Lawrence now a resident of the village of Greenwich that the Certificate of Citizenship alluded to was presented her by his Honor the Mayor and is now in her possession, but that the piece of plate with which she would have been much gratified has not been provided or presented agreeably to the Resolution of the Corporation, a copy of [391] which was furnished her shortly after its passage. Whatever may have been the causes for delay in carrying into effect this tribute of respect to a gallant officer your Committee are of opinion that no censure ought to rest on the members of this Board who, your Committee are persuaded, entertain a high sense of the services rendered and the intrepidity & skill displayed by the brave men who fought and bled in defence of the injured rights of our country during the late war, and who therefore could not have refused this meed of approbation had they been apprized of its non-performance. The Committee have no doubt, therefore, that the Board will accord with them in opinion that it is both expedient and proper to fulfil as soon as practicable the plege given by their Predecessors and they offer the following Resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the Committee on Finance be instructed to present to the widow of the late Captain James Lawrence [392] a piece of plate with suitable devices and inscriptions indicative of the gallantry and skill of her late husband in the capture of the British Sloop of war Peacock by the American Sloop Hornet under his command, agreeably to a Resolution of the Common Council passed the 29th day of March 1813."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" B. Crane
" J. Hammond
" J. Hone

which was approved, a Blank in the Resolution filled up with Finance Committee and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee to whom was referred the subject of devising ways & means for paying the amount at which the Commissioners may assess the land between Beekman Slip and Crane Wharf presented a Report which being read it was moved that the consideration thereof be postponed.

[393] The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes & Noes having been called by Alderman Morss were as follows:

Affirmative. Aldermen Morss McQueen Mann Taylor Thorp Messrs. Tallman Westervelt Parker Davis Hammond

Negative. Aldermen Hone King Kip Anthony Allen Messrs. Bolton Stevens Crane Brittain

The Street Committee, on the petition that Lispenard Street may be opened to Broadway, Reported the following Resolutions:

" Resolved that Lispenard Street be opened and continued to Broadway, provided the owner or owners of property to within 200 feet of Broadway vest the same in the Corporation as a public Street.

[394] " Resolved that whenever the conditions proposed by the

of the Board & some of the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment have been consulted and they unite in opinion that those expences can be included in a new Assessment. Under these circumstances the Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution: Viz.

" Resolved that upon the members of the Rutgers' family entering into covenants to pay all Assessments for widening & extending Harman Street which may be laid upon lots leased by them prior to the first day of January 1817—provided the tenants will agree to add the interest of the same to their rents, that the Counsel of the Board be directed to take the necessary measures for the appointment of new Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for widening and extending [400] Harman Street in the manner heretofore directed."

(signed) Asa Mann
" W. A. Davis
" J. P. Taylor
" S. P. Brittain

The following was then presented & agreed to.

" Ordered that all the proceedings under Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court which have taken place relative to the extending, enlarging & improving Harman Street shall be vacated & annulled."

Alderman Taylor presented the following which was adopted:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorized forthwith to take down all the buildings in Market Street up to the new line of the Street."

On motion of Mr. Westervelt.

" Ordered that the subject of the lease of the Cellar under Duane Market [401] to Conklin be referred to the Market Committee to enquire whether he has complied with the terms of the same."

An Ordinance entitled " A Law to prevent the use of Velocipedes in the public places and on the side walks in the City of New York " was presented, read by paragraphs and passed.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 26 July	$3101.45
Recd for Rents	11,090.82
" Tax of 1818. 5th 6th 8th 9th 10th Wards	9128.05
" Streets	9373.63
" 6th Avenue	500.
" Wells & Pumps	188.70
" Penalties	110.21
" Mayoralty fees	103.
" Commutation Alien passengers	1179.

Recd for Vendue Sales	2500.
" Board of Health	255.19
	37,530.05

[402] Accounts Audited.

John Mason for property taken for a Slip between James St. & Roosevelt St	1375.
Geo. Newbold—Agent to estate of Thos. Franklin decd for property taken between James & Roosevelt St	2750.
Anderson & Leake Watch 1st dist	1158.50
Hibberd & Clarke do. 2d do.	707.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' house and Officers—1 qr's Salary 1st inst	625.
Wm Hoghland—Keeper Penitentiary & 3 Assistants 1 qr. 1st inst	587.50
G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison & 2 Assistants 1 qr. 1st inst.	350.
R. Graves—Assist. St. Commissr 1 quarter 1st inst	375.
Jno. Burger—regulating 4 public Clocks—1 qr. 1st inst	66.66
Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park to 1st inst	76.50
[403] Danl. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field 1 month 1st inst.	46.50
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers—1 month 1st inst	60.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast. City Inspector 1 month 1st inst	54.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast. City Inspector 1 month 1st inst	54.
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspectr. 1 month 1st inst	54.
Jonathan Weeden—St. Inspector 1 month 1st inst	54.
Geo. L. Birch & Co. printing from 17th April to 1st instant.	352.50
N. Phillips—6 mo. subscription to N. Advocate 1st instant.	75.
Columbian Office—advertising extra assessments for St. Commissr	297.
O. Ayres—Ast. City Inspector—removing nuisances 1 qr. 1st inst	27.12
Leonard Kip Esqr. to pay superintending & lighting lamps—1 month 1st instant	868.21
[404] Leonard Kip Esqr. to pay M. Crosby for 30 Casks Oil	1037.
Robt. Provoost—repairing lamps in July	66.20
Daniel Biggs—work at lamps 3 mo. 1st inst	43.50
John Becker & Associates—forming a Reef at the Battery	2400.
Robt. Pettigrew—balance for a well in Ludlow St	69.19
Jno. Sloan on acct. reg. 1st Street from Bowery to 1st Avenue	70.
R. Strong & Colleagues—Commissioner's fees & expences opening Harman St	1565.
Jno. McComb St. Commr to pay for paving Stone	1000.
Chs. Mooney on acct. paving Bowery to Grand St	1000.
Elizabeth Gedney part of award for Grand St	300.
Wm Bailey on acct. regulg North St	200.
[405] John Culbert on account paving Beach St	200.

Hugh Smith—on act. pav^{g} Anthony St. from Collect to Orange St.	200.	
Hugh Smith—on acct. regulating & curbing Grand St.	200.	
Pinkerton & Forgye—on account paving Hammond St.	350.	
Jno. Bailey—on acct. repaving Orchard St. at North St.	120.	
Heirs of Isaac Clason—Award for Henry St.	227.35	
A. Corning—Surveys to 1 May 1819	580.93	
Ab^{m} Bloodgood for ground taken to open Canal St. in 1810	100.	
Peter Schermerhorn int. on bond 6 mo. 1st inst.	450.	
J. Fleming Treas^{r} to pay 28th dividend City Stock 1st instant	12,000.	
R. Furman—Sup^{t} Alms-house	4000.	36,606.24
	Balance	$923.81

Board adjourned to this day fortnight 5 P. M.

[406] In Common Council Aug. 23. 1819

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden. Mayor, President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Jacob B. Taylor	Benj^{n} Crane
George B. Thorp	J. J. Westervelt
Stephen Allen	S. Parker
	S. P. Brittain
	David Board
	W. A. Davis
	Judah Hammond.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A petition was presented from sundry owners situated in Collect Street stating that they understand a remonstrance [407] has been made against extending the Canal across to Leonard Street in consequence of the ground not being sufficiently settled: that they are of opinion the ground is sufficiently settled and therefore pray the said Canal may be extended this season across Franklin Street. Whereupon the same was referred to the Canal Committee.

A Memorial was received from Garritt Sickels, keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell, stating that by a late regulation of the Court of Exchequer he is deprived of the fees attached to his office & praying relief: which was referred to the Board of Supervisors.

A Letter was received from Classon Martin resigning his appointment of Assistant Keeper in the Penitentiary. Whereupon Resolved that said resignation be accepted.

A Petition was received from Thomas Lusk praying the appointment of Assistant Keeper to the Penitentiary: which being read [408] Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and he was appointed to said office accordingly.

A petition of Joseph Madden to be relieved from a penalty incurred by keeping a dog without having him registered—and similar petitions from Edward Rerigan and John C. Teale were read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to remit the penalty incurred.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against the removal of a pump from the corner of Market & Banker Sts. was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward

A petition from John Whitaker for remission of fine incurred by driving a Hackney Carriage without a licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

[409] A petition from William Matthews for further time for payment of an Assessment laid on him for opening Henry Street; a similar one from Samuel Ratcliff respecting an Assessment laid on him for opening Hudson Street; a similar one from Margaret Thomas for opening Oliver Street, and a request of John Charles for payment of an award made to him for damages incurred in opening Grand Street—were severally read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition that Essex Street be paved between Grand & Broome Streets was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of James Riker complaining of an undue Assessment on his property for opening Hudson Street was presented and after several motions of reference was finally referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Thomas [410] Street complaining of the situation of a Well in said Street & praying its removal was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 5th Ward.

A petition of Kelly & Leggett for remission of penalty incurred by selling liquor without licence and a similar petition from Jeremiah D. Owen were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices. A petition also from James Smith for remission of fine incurred by carting without a number painted on his cart was referred to the same Committee.

A petition that Bleecker Street from McDougall Street to Downing

Street and from Henry to Christopher Street be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Representation that the Cellar under Duane Market kept by Mrs. Lounsberry [411] was kept in good order was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from owners in and about Laurens Street that a Drain from Canal to Broome Street be constructed was read and referred to the Canal Committee.

A Memorial from sundry owners of lots residing at Greenwich, praying that the regulations respecting the Sewer and other improvements may on account of the great pressure of the times be for the present delayed, was read and referred to the Canal Committee. The same Committee were however authorised to proceed on the contract made respecting the Sewer if they should deem it necessary & expedient.

A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Lombardy Park stating that since the opening of Market Street said park has become a great inconvenience to the neighbourhood and praying the [412] same may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance against removing the old market at Grand Street was presented and laid on the table until the coming in of the report of the Committee on that subject. Upon the reading of said report it was called up and read.

A petition of John Powell for remission of fine incurred for having the Tail board of his cart lower than directed by law was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Communication from George B. Smith, collector of Arrearages of Taxes, stating a difficulty occurring on taxes due from Ruleff V^{n} Houten who claimed an exemption from payment of same in consequence of being enrolled as a Musician in the Militia of this State, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

[413] A petition from the Inhabitants of Oliver Street complaining of the situation of a pump & praying its removal was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against at present raising Washington and Greenwich Streets south of Albany Street on account of the advanced state of the Season was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Samuel Clark praying relief from an Assessment on him for personal tax was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of John Downs for a permit to sell country produce in the market: a petition of Amos Wood for Stall No. 8 Catharine Market, and of Henry Hammond for Stall No. 3 Spring Street Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

[414] A Memorial from certain persons, lessees under the Rutgers' family owning and occupying buildings on Chatham Square or Street forming the block between Fayette and Catharine Streets southerly side, stating the agreements made with their lessors and the present situation of their property and praying that the Corporation would restrain the widening of Harman Street farther west than Catharine Street until the leases they hold expire or until they are remunerated for their expences by their landlords, was read and referred to the former Committee on Harman Street. Viz. Aldermen Mann Taylor Brittain Messrs. Davis Stevens.

A petition that the sidewalks in Mott Street between Broome & Prince Streets may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[415] The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

" Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 "

Albin Bulford—Tavern keeper—5 Whitehall 1 ward vice W^{m} Scott —resigned.

" Fire Engine Companies."

No. 1.

Gilbert Hyslop—Carpenter 146 Reed St. 5 ward. vice James Young —out of service.

No. 2

Asa Avery—Shoemaker—65 Mulberry St. 6 ward vice Burr Wilson —resigned.

No. 3.

Henry Stooke—Coach trimmer—Broad c. Water—1 ward vice Nath^{l} F. Townsend—resigned

John Brower—Accountant—Beaver St. 1 ward vice James Thorp—expelled.

Jno. Robertson—Brush maker—21 Oak St. 1 ward—vice Thomas M^{c}Cready Resigned

No. 13.

George Wheeler—Accountant—30 Frankfort St. 4 ward vice John Hurry removed.

[416] No. 33.

Adam Parker—Carpenter—Broome St. 10 ward vice Joab Miller —resigned.

Jonath^{n} C. Bennet—Carpenter Goerck St. 10 ward vice Robertson Clark resigned

No. 36.

Henry Moore—Carpenter—Sullivan n. Watts—8 ward vice Daniel Hortin removed

Robt. L. Jaques—accountant—27 Vandam 8 ward vice Reysey Griffin Removed

No. 38

Lewis Brundage—Carpenter—Love Lane—9 ward vice James Hunter—resigned.

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him which were directed to be referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Viz— against Samuel Britter for selling liquor without licence (the husband is absent and the offence committed by the wife—) by A. M^{c}Cready Keeper of the Park against Abel Smith for lying on the grass in the Park: against Mr. Ferguson [417] 121 Bancker Street for keeping a dog not registered: against the Street Contractors for not sweeping Chapel Street, Grand Street and Rynder Street: against David Hay for driving cart without a number; and against Robert Dawson for driving Hacks without licensed Drivers.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	Heirs of N. Gouverneur deceased	Own.	Ludlow St.	A Lot
	T. Knox	Execr.		
2	E. C. Genet	Own.	Warren c. Washington	do.
	J. Ackerman	Occ.		
3	M. B. Tallmadge	Own	Essex St.	do
4	J. B. Thorp	Own.	14 Thames St.	do
	F. Shrewsbury	Occ.		
5	M. B. Tallmadge	Own.	Washington St.	do.
6	Chs. M^{c}Evers	Exec^{r}	Norfolk St.	do
7	Goold Hoyt	Own	Essex St.	do

8	J. C. Parshall	Own	Norfolk St.	A Lot
9	Martin Hoffman	do	do	do
10	[418] W^{m} Lawrence	Own.	Thompson St.	do.
11	Robt. Hunter	do	Greenwich St. c. Albany Basin	do.
12	Thos. M. Dick	Les.	19 Bowery	A Privy
	J. Ellison	Occ		
13	J. Bingham	Own	14 Orange St.	do.
	A. L. Chavillier	Occ.		
14	Dennis Lainum	Own	5 Hague St	do.
	do	Occ		
15	do	Own.	7 do.	do.
	Jas. Murphy	Occ		
16	P. Lorillard	Own.	188 Pearl St.	do.
	T. A. Ronalds	Occ		

(signed) Geo Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for paving Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring Street and for paving Hudson Street from Beach to Canal St. which were confirmed and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents [419] on the following Assessments and warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis for collecting the same—Viz.

for widening Grand Street,
for opening the Sixth Avenue,
for paving Leonard Street, and
for a Well & Pump in Essex Street.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed: Viz. for regulating & paving Elm Street from Canal to Hester Street, and for regulating & paving Rynder Street between Canal & Hester Streets, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood & Benjamin Crane were appointed Assessors: Also for building a Sewer in Clarkson Street, Carmine Street & Sixth Avenue to within 500 feet of Greenwich Lane: also for building a circular Culvert or Sewer in Amity Street from the intended Sewer in the 6th Avenue to the Manetta Ditch or so far as to receive the Manhattan Water, and Jonathan Thompson, Henry Howard and Ezekiel Bishop were appointed Assessors; also for regulating [420] and paving Ludlow Street from

Delancey to Grand Street and John Brow*n*[er], Abraham Baudouine and Haviland Weeks were appointed Assessors.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the memorial of John, Robert and Samuel Swartwout, Reported:

" That the Memorialists a few years ago purchased about 4000 acres of Salt Marsh situate in the State of New Jersey but in the vicinity of this City: that they have since with immense labor and with great expence by means of embankments and ditches succeeded in draining & reclaiming a large portion of this marsh and rendered it fit for arable, meadow, pasture and garden ground:

" That as the memorialists state (and the Committee have no doubt of their accuracy) they have made about 7½ miles of embankment and 120 miles of ditch and have expended upwards of One hundred and fifty thousand Dollars. [421]

" The memorialists pressed with the burthen of this expence and unable without assistance to proceed with their operations apply to this Corporation for aid, not by any loan of money but by creating and loaning to them 6 per cent Stock of the Corporation to the amount of One hundred & twenty thousand Dollars, and they offer to give satisfactory security for the punctual payment of the interest and for the eventual redemption of the Stock.

" The Committee have considered as well the reasons which have been offered by the Messrs. Swartwouts as those which seem to render it inexpedient to comply with their request.

" It is well known that the quantity of fertile land in the immediate vicinity of this City is remarkably small. Our Markets are supplied with vegetables almost wholly from the west end of Long Island and from a very few spots on the Jersey shore. Our hay is principally brought from a distance and few Cattle [422] are fattened for our consumption except in distant pastures. The milk, too, which is used in the City is produced by cows kept in the City itself or its suburbs or else within a very limited tract in its neighbourhood. It therefore requires no argument to shew that a considerable increase of land suited to all these purposes would be an acquisition of great public importance. More gardens would lower the price of vegetables. More meadows would diminish the price of hay. A large addition to the pastures within the circle of a few miles would reduce the expence of milk and have a beneficial influence on our meat market. Within a few miles of this City there exists a marsh of immense magnitude yielding in some parts a coarse hay of inferior quality and value and in others nothing but rushes and other useless plants. The Messrs.

Swartwouts have proved by actual experiment that the whole of this marsh may be converted into a fertile soil, at once valuable to the proprietor [423] and beneficial to the inhabitants of this City. But this successful experiment has been made at the expence of great anxiety and a large fortune.

" Your Committee would be afflicted should an undertaking so public-spirited and so useful terminate in loss to its projectors and discourage others from imitating their example: and if the Corporation could consistently with the duty which they owe to their constituents comply with the prayer of the memorial every member of the Committee would rejoice.

" But the debt of this Corporation already exceeds a million of dollars. The expensive improvements which it will probably be necessary to make will considerably increase it: and under such circumstances it would scarcely be discreet to augment it still farther by the addition of One hundred & twenty thousand dollars. It is true that this sum would eventually be repaid, but to throw stock to so large an amount into the market at the time when the Corporation [424] will be obliged to raise money for its own use must tend to depress the price of their stock and in some degree to impair their credit. There are other considerations which have weight. The Committee fear to set the example of lending money on the responsibility of this Corporation to so great an extent for the purpose of encouraging undertakings commenced not only, beyond the boundaries of the City but beyond those of the State. The promoting of such plans seems rather the province of the Legislature than of a local Corporation. The money of our citizens is intrusted to this body for local purposes: and tho' the liberality of the inhabitants of New York will never suffer them to watch their representatives with a niggard jealousy in their expenditures for objects of public importance, yet it may be questioned whether they would be content to see a precedent established for grants of such magnitude in aid of projects carried on in other States and only indi- [425] rectly beneficial to themselves.

" Upon the whole the Committee tho' feeling the most sincere desire for the success & prosperity of the Memorialists & their undertaking cannot recommend the granting of their request. They therefore respectfully propose the following Resolution:

" Resolved that this Board consider the undertaking of Messrs. John, Robert & Samuel Swartwout to drain the salt marshes in the neighbourhood of this City as one of public utility & feel an interest in its success, but that it is not at present expedient to comply with the prayer of their Memorial."

(signed)	Peter A. Jay
"	Steph. Allen
"	John Hone
"	John Morss
"	Judah Hammond
"	Jacob B. Taylor

The same having been considered was approved and the Resolution proposed was adopted.

[426] The Committee on Applications, to whom was referred the petition of William G. Ward, presented a report in favor of petitioner & the following Resolution:

" Resolved that William G. Ward be and he is hereby appointed to the office of City Weigher." Which was adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee consisting of the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward, to whom was referred the petition of Charles McCarthy presented a Report which was read & referred back to the same Committee with the addition of the Counsel of the Board.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition for and the remonstrance against widening Frankfort Street presented a report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee of Charity, on the petition [427] of William Ferdon, Reported:

" That from his extreme poverty they think him a fit object of relief. They offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the penalty recovered against William Ferdon for not having his proper number on his cart be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed)	Shivers Parker
"	Thomas Bolton
"	David Board

which was approved and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

The Street Committee on the petition for paving Ludlow Street reported in favor of the same and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance therefor which was passed.

The Market Committee, to whom was referred the petition that the old market at the foot of Grand Street may be taken down, Reported:

"That the market alluded to is old [428] and out of repair, and that owing to its having been built long before the regulation of any of the Streets in its vicinity took place it is badly situated and stands in a part of the Street much too narrow for the purpose, which is the cause of inconvenience to those who pass it with Carriages and injurious to the provisions exposed there for sale: while the market erected a few rods nearer the East River is in good repair, having been built but a few years, is much more spacious, sufficiently elevated above the Street and stands in a space at least one third wider than the other. Your Committee are of opinion that one Market house is ample to accommodate the population of that part of the City, and therefore that the removal of the one required by the petitioners will not lessen the convenience while it will add to the improvement of the neighbourhood. They are therefore satisfied, having viewed the premises, that the prayer of the petitioners [429] ought to be granted and offer the following Resolutions accordingly:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to sell at public auction the old market house situated in Grand Street near Goerck Street with this condition that the same be removed and the Street filled and levelled on or before the 10th day of September next.

"Resolved that the Butchers who are licensed for stands in said Market be permitted to occupy stands in the Market near the River and that the Market Committee be instructed to designate such stands."

(Signed) Harmanus Tallman
" Stephen Allen
" John Hone
" J. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom was referred the Memorial of William Lawrence & others in relation to completing [430] South Street from Dover to Roosevelt Street, Reported:

"That they are informed and believe that considerable inconvenience will be experienced by some of the memorialists should a compliance with the ordinance be insisted on, but they are nevertheless still of opinion that the improvement is both necessary and important to the public as well as indispensible to that part of the City, and no other inducement could operate with your Committee to recommend a postponement of the ordinance but a persuasion that some of the proprietors are so situated as to make it almost impossible to perform its requirements by the time limited, and must therefore, unless the time is extended, be driven to the necessity of forfeiting their water grants and all right, title and interest therein.

"The following resolution is therefore offered for the consideration of the Board.

"Resolved that the time limited [431] by an ordinance of this Board for causing a bulkhead to be sunk and completed on the most southerly side of South Street between Dover and Roosevelt Streets passed the 28th of June 1819 be extended to the 1st day of August 1820, and that the time limited by said Ordinance for filling up the Street and lots with good and wholesome earth be extended to the 1st day of April 1821, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the owners and occupants of lots and ground under water fronting the premises accordingly."

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" H. Tallman
" S. Stevens

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee, on the request of the Contractors for payment of their third Instalment, Reported:

"That they have received the within application from the Contractors of the Sewer in Canal Street setting forth that they have com- [432] pleted the same except the curbs and grates to the Culverts, which from the unregulated state of the Streets they are unable to finish, and that the Street may not be in a state to have the same completed for some weeks. They therefore ask for the payment of their third instalment to which they are entitled when the said Sewer is completed.

"The Committee are of opinion that the said Contractors are in justice entitled to their said third Instalment as the finishing of said culverts is owing to the unregulated state of the Street and that it would be unjust to keep them out of the said payment until the street was put in a state to have the same completed. To complete these culverts will cost from 2 to 3 hundred dollars and the Fourth Instalment, which is payable 60 days after the sewer is completed, is ample security for their completion. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the fol- [433] lowing resolution:

"Resolved that the Finance Committee be directed to pay the contractors of the Sewer in Canal Street their third Instalment, provided they receive the same in bonds payable when the assessment is collected with interest."

(signed) J. Morss
" S. Parker
" J. B. Taylor
" W. A. Davis

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Oliver Vanderbilt, Reported:

"That they have had the petition under consideration for some time past but forbear expressing any opinion thereon as their predecessors, (and no doubt with testimony more full than could be obtained by this Committee) thought proper not only to remove Mr. Vanderbilt but also to suspend all proceedings against persons who had been complained of for violations. Your Committee would therefore beg to be dis- [434] charged from the further consideration of the subject."

(signed) B. Crane
" J. Morss
" T. Bolton
" W. A. Davis

After some discussion it was moved that Oliver Vanderbilt have leave to withdraw his petition, which was carried in the affirmative.

A resolution was proposed directing the Counsel to prepare a memorial to the Legislature to authorize the Corporation to abandon the projected plan of taking the land between Fulton Slip and Crane Wharf for a scite for a public market. After considerable discussion it was finally resolved to refer said resolution, the report of the Finance Committee presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration and the whole subject to a Special Committee. The Committee appointed were:

[435] Alderman Taylor Morss Thorp Messrs. Hammond Stevens.

On motion the Board proceeded by ballot to elect a person to fill the office of Visiting Surgeon to the Alms' house in place of Dr. B. Akerly resigned when on counting the ballots it appeared that Dr. Jacob Dyckman was duly elected and he was accordingly declared duly appointed to said Office.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 9th inst.	923.81
Recd for Streets	7770.
" " First Street	70.

Recd for Canal Street	6000.	
" " Sixth Avenue	1000.	
" " Wells & Pumps	212.37	
" " Excise	400.	16,376.18

[436] Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	707.	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.	
G. N. Bleecker—Comptroller 1 qr's Salary 15th inst	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—Suptdt of repairs—1 quarter 14th inst	300.	
Jonathan Pinkney—City Intendt. 1 qr. 19th inst	250.	
Wm S. Smith—Collectr City revenue 1 qr. 22d inst. & expences	204.	
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer, 1 qr. 18th inst	200.	
B. Skaats—Keeper City Hall—1 qr. 24th inst	100.	
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread 1 qr. 17th inst	96.75	
Andrew Van Orden—Keepr Battery—1 mo. 19th inst	45.06	
Geo. Platt—work at Mud Machine—12th July to 15th Aug.	287.87	
[437] B. Skaats—expences for Corporation—1 qr. 24th inst.	126.38	
J. Morton—Index 37th Vol. Minutes and sundry expences	79.75	
William Gee—posting bills—18 Jan. to 6th July	45.	
George Bowen—Carriage hire to Bellevue 12th inst	21.	
Wm Peters—Watchman—attending Court as Witness	2.	
John Flood and S. McCormick—for killing dogs 23 days each	138.	
Israel Haviland—Hose for engine & repairs—4 June to 19th inst	675.40	
J. P. Roome—Supt of repairs—for repairs to Engine houses	120.	
Jno. Ryker—painting Engine No. 2	20.	
Benjamin Hayes—painting engine No. 7	20.	
John McComb—St. Commissr on account of paving Stones	1000.	
Charles Mooney—on account of the Bowery	1000.	
[438] Pinkerton & Forgye on act paving Hammond St	250.	
J. Meghan—repairg intersectns	45.52	
Jno. Sloan—balce regulg 1st Street	96.80	
Jno. Williams—on act do. 4th St	1000.	
Henry Voorhies—balance for Well in Lombardy St	35.	
Jno. McComb—St. Commissr for repairing Roads	500.	
Geo. Lovett—on act building pier at new ferry Brooklyn	900.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days to 22d inst	48.	
Geo. Lovett—forming reef at Battery—bal. 1st 2d 3d instalment	3166.22	
Jno. Becker—forming reef at Battery from Marketfield St. to U. S. Line	1480.87	
J. P. Roome—Supt of repairs—for repairs	1300.	16,316.37
	Balance	$59.81

Board adjourned to this day fortnight.

[439] Special Meeting. In Common Council. Aug. 30. 1819.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden. Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay, Recorder.

Aldermen.

John Hone
J. P. Anthony
J. Morss
A. Mann
J. B. Taylor
G. B. Thorp
S. Allen

Assistants.

T. Bolton
S. Stevens
H. Tallman
B. Crane
J. J. Westervelt
S. Parker
S. P. Brittain
D. Board
W. A. Davis
J. Hammond

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had called this Special meeting at the request of the Canal Committee who [440] wished to submit to the Board a remonstrance respecting the proposed Sewer in Clarkson & Carmine Streets and also their report on the subject.

A memorial was presented from sundry landholders and inhabitants of that part of Greenwich likely to be affected by the erection of a Common Sewer thro' Carmine and Clarkson Streets, stating that they have learnt with regret that an opposition has been made to the immediate execution of that work and praying that it may be immediately commenced, was read and laid on the table to be considered on the coming in of the report of the Canal Committee on that subject.

A Memorial from Lewis and Joseph Webb, stating that they have taken out Water grants in front of their lots on the North River and have filled in the Streets & erected bulkheads thereon, that the contemplated [441] Sewer thro' Clarkson Street will deprive them of the use of the water in front of their lots and will be extremely injurious to them, wherefore they request a Committee to be appointed to view the premises & report their case to the Board, was presented & referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition of David Crane to be relieved from a penalty incurred under the law against forestalling in the market was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to remit the penalty.

A memorial from the Trustees of St. Philip's Church in Collect St. stating that they have erected a place of worship & a school house for the use of people of color, that they have been called upon for payment of an Assessment on the lots occupied by them for opening

Anthony Street, that they have no funds to discharge said assessment & praying to be relieved therefrom, was read. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee [442] and the Collector in the mean time directed to delay collection.

A memorial from the Fire & Marine Insurance Companies of the City, calling the attention of the Common Council to the situation of the Register's Office in the City and representing that from the manner it has heretofore been conducted it does not furnish in all cases the evidence of *of* actual and existing incumbrances on real estate while they often exhibit as such those which have been long satisfied and cancelled, stating also the great necessity of a correct general Index of the Records, was read and referred to the Committee on public Offices.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Kalendar of prisoners confined in the City prison or Bridewell on the 16th inst. as returned by the Keeper which was directed to be filed. The Mayor mentioned that upon his visits [443] to the Bridewell he always found it in a state of neatness and cleanliness which he believed was not surpassed by any similar institution.

A petition of Abraham Davis for time to pay an Assessment laid on Two lots of which he was lessee on Grand Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee and in the meantime the Collector was directed to delay the collection.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating McDougal Street from Bleecker Street to the grounds of John Ireland and for regulating Sullivan Street to the ground of John Ireland, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each: Also an Assessment for repaving Division Street from the Bowery to Orchard Street, which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector.

[444] He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Bancker Street between Market and Pike Streets, which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Haviland Weeks were appointed Assessors.

The Canal Committee, to whom had been referred the petition of a number of the owners of property in the vicinity of the Common Sewer intended to be made thro' Clarkson & Carmine Streets & part of the 6th Avenue praying that the building of the said Sewer may be suspended, reported:

" That altho' the said petition was referred to them with powers to proceed with the said work if after considering the objections of the said petitioners the Committee should deem it proper so to do, but as there is a difference of opinion in the Committee as to the propriety of proceeding and as it is a question of considerable importance on account of the heavy Assessment to which it will subject the property [445] deemed to be benefitted, and as the petitioners are the owners of a considerable part of this property the Committee think it a question proper to be submitted to the Board for their determination.

"Among the objections urged by the petitioners against proceeding with the work the following are the most prominent: That the distressed state of our commercial affairs and the total stagnation of business has rendered money so scarce that it would be oppressive to most of the owners of land to raise wherewith to pay the Assessment, that many of them would be compelled to dispose of their property which under present circumstances would not bring one half of its value: That the state of improvements in that neighbourhood does not require that the said Sewer should be immediately built but that it might be & ought to be delayed until the state of improvements called for it when property in its vicinity would be more valuable & productive & would be better able to bear the expence.

[446] "The Committee are satisfied that many of the objections of the petitioners are well founded, but that the state of improvements near the lower part of the line of the contemplated Sewer and the decayed state of the temporary one in Hamersley Street is such that unless the permanent one is now built it will be absolutely necessary to make a new temporary one on Hamersley street to be extended to the east of Varick Street which will cost from 2 to 3 thousand dollars and which in all probability will have to be done at the expence of the Corporation, for, if it was to be assessed on those benefitted the Assessment would be so extensive that the laying & collecting of it would cost nearly as much as the work: but if the permanent one was to commence immediately the present temporary one might be made to answer until the permanent one was so far done as to receive the waters from it.

[447] "The Committee would state another difficulty in suspending the work: That in pursuance of the resolution of the Board they advertised for and received proposals, and that the proposal from Mr. Wallace was accepted and the Street Commissioner was accordingly directed to enter into a contract with him for the same, that understanding a petition would be presented to the Board to suspend it the Committee directed the Street Commissioner to suspend the execution of the contract until farther orders. Mr. Wallace now states that 'previous to the Street Commissioner's information of the said

suspension he had entered into engagements for materials &c. for said work, and that in case the same should not go on he would sustain considerable damage for which he would expect to be indemnified by the Board. As it is incumbent on the Committee to express their opinion with the facts they submit the following resolution:

" Resolved that it is expedient that [448] the Sewer on Clarkson and Carmine Streets and part of the Sixth Avenue be commenced immediately and that the Street Commissioner is hereby directed to proceed with the same."

(signed) H. Tallman
" S. Parker
" J. B. Taylor
" W. A. Davis

The reading of the petition was called for and it was accordingly read. The question was then taken on the report of the Committee and the resolution proposed by them and the same was carried in the Affirmative.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of a number of the proprietors of houses and lots of ground in Collect Street praying that the Sewer in Canal Street may be extended up Collect Street to Franklin Street, Reported:

" That in the opinion of the Committee from the unsettled state of a greater part [449] of Collect Street which has been but recently filled it is to be apprehended that it would be liable to considerable settlement but that it might be extended 100 feet south of Pump Street without much apprehension. The Committee are of opinion that the state of the neighbourhood requires that it should be extended thus far. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Sewer on Canal Street be extended up Collect Street 100 feet south of Pump Street & that the same be done by contract to be paid for when the Assessment is collected and that the Street Commissioner under the direction of the Canal Committee take the necessary measures to carry the same into effect."

(signed) J. Morss
" S. Parker
" J. B. Taylor
" W. A. Davis
" H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[450] In Common Council Sept. 6, 1819

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	H. Tallman
John P. Anthony	Benj^{n} Crane
John Morss	J. J. Westervelt
Robert M^{c}Queen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	S. P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	W. A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A petition of James Gillender, Master of the Ship Hector, for relief from a penalty said to be incurred by breach of the law [451] respecting landing Alien passengers was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A similar petition from Captain Tupper, Commander of the Brig Eliza, was referred to the same Committee with authority to grant relief as they shall judge fit.

A petition of John Baldwin for remission of tax laid on him in the year 1817 stating that he was discharged by an act of insolvency in January, 1818, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of A. P. Maylie for permission to construct a vault in front of No. 61 Dey Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition of Christian Buhler praying relief from a fine said to be incurred under the Pawnbrokers' Law was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[452] A petition from John Anderson & Son was received stating that from circumstances detailed in their petition they considered themselves entitled to the use of the wharf opposite to their lots lying on West Street between Vesey and Murray Streets; that they accordingly placed thereon a quantity of plaister of Paris; that they have lately received notice to remove the same, and praying relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Ships.

A petition of Mead Darrow for extension of time for payment of an Assessment for opening Grand Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Chapin Ward was received, stating that he is heir at law to his brother George Ward and as such is entitled to one half of the estate and effects of his said brother: that said George died intestate [453] and the proceeds of his estate have been paid by the public Administrator to the City Treasurer: that one half of said proceeds has been paid to Adam Hill who was entitled to the same, and praying the remaining half part may be paid to him, which being read was referred to the Counsel and Comptroller.

A petition of Jacob Valentine for relief from payment of a fine for keeping a dog without being registered stating that he is blind and that the dog was his guide in passing thro' the streets, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to remit.

Petitions were received from Alexander Anthony for Stall No. 34 Fly Market; from H. Lyon for same Stall; from Samuel Low for a Stall in same market; from John H. Tier for Stall No. 5 Corlaer's Hook Market; from Robert P. Denike for a stall in Duane Market, and from Nathaniel Nott for Stall No. 4 Grand Street Market, which were referred to the Market Committee.

[454] A petition of the Trustees of the Congregation of Shirath Israel, praying farther time for payment of an Assessment laid on them for opening Oliver Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of Chatham Square, stating that the removal of Fire Engines Nos. 15 & 17 from that place has been injurious to that neighbourhood and praying that others may be located in the vicinity, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition for a Well near the junction of the Southampton Road & the 8th Avenue was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of the Trustees of the Hamilton Free School at Harlaem near Fort Wash- [455] ington, praying some further pecuniary aid to furnish their School room, was read and referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A petition of Joseph Pell for remission of fine incurred by non-compliance with an Ordinance respecting a nuisance, was referred to the City Inspector.

A petition of Peter Van Blarcom for remission of fine for not having his number painted on his cart was granted on payment of costs.

A petition of Robert Matthews for remission of fine for encumbering the Street with building materials was granted on payment of costs.

A petition of Joseph Madden for remission of fine for not registering a dog was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A similar petition from Jacob Jackson was referred to the same Committee.

[456] A petition that Thompson Street be paved from Spring Street to Broome Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Inhabitants residing near Potters' field complaining of the interment of the dead at that place and praying the Corporation to establish a Cemetery at a greater distance from the settled parts of the City was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A petition of James D. Board that Washington Street between Vesey and Barclay Streets may be regulated and paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John L. Hamilton to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Lewis K. Storm for relief from a fine said to be incurred by driving a [457] Hackney Carriage without a licence was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of James Tearman for remission of fine for taking water in greater quantity than allowed by law from one of the public pumps was granted on payment of costs.

A petition of Catharine and John Minuse for further time for payment of an Assessment for widening Grand Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving the sidewalks in Broome Street between Broadway & the Bowery, an Ordinance for regulating and paving Essex Street from Grand to Broome Street, an Ordinance for paving Carlisle Street and so much of Greenwich and Washington Streets as may be necessary to make them conform; which were passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brow*n*[er] and Haviland Weeks were appointed Assessors in [458] the two first and John Targee Abraham Bloodgood & Benjamin Prince in the last.

He also presented an Assessment for repaving the Bowery from

Grand to Broome Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also, respecting the sale of the old market on Grand Street, reported:

" That agreeably to directions he has sold the old market house situated in Grand Street near Goerck Street. The Cupola and bell were taken down for the purpose of being placed on the new market. The iron bars that will be of use were sent to the public yard and the remainder was sold for the sum of Forty three Dollars which will be paid into the Treasury, the purchaser to remove the same by the 10th instant & to fill up the Cellar by the 20th inst."

(signed) J. McComb St. Comr

which was directed to be filed.

[459] He also reported a return of delinquents on the Assessment for opening Anthony Street whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a communication stating that a house was built by Mr. Cleland in 1800 on the Westerly side of Broadway between Houston and Bleecker Streets which projects into the street 3 feet and to prevent obtaining any right by possession some steps he thought ought to be taken. Whereupon it was referred to Street Committee and Counsel.

The Chief Engineer reported that at the request of the African Methodist Society he had removed Engine house No. 31 from their ground corner of Leonard and Church streets, that they had offered a situation on another part of their ground for which he recommended an agreement should be made. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

[460] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

" Fire Engine Companies."

No. 2.

Bradley Higgins—mercht. Division St. 10 ward vice Edward Palmer—resigned.

No. 6.

Saml. Frost—grocer—99 Chapel St. 5 ward vice Wm Forshee. Resigned

Moses Moore—grocer—Greenwich c. Murray 3 wd vice Jas. Smith —deceased

No. 23.

John H. Smith—builder—44 Thomas St. 5 w^{d} vice Court D[e]bevoise—exempt

No. 33.

John Seaman—mercht. Grand St. 10 w^{d} vice Jon^{n} C. Chadeayne—resigned it being contrary to his principles to work on Sunday.

[461] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1	N. Quackenboss	Own	51	Liberty St.	a Lot
	Joshua Greenleaf	Agt.			
	E. Benedick.	Less. & Occ.			
2	Peter Williams	Own. & Occ.	53	do.	do.
3	John Mowatt Jr.,	Own.		Crosby St.	do.
4	W^{m} & G. Post	Own.		do.	do.
5	M. L. Davis	Own		Little Water St.	do.
6	G. Lorillard	Own.		Water c. Catharine	do.
	Concklin & Jacot	Occ.			
7	P. M. Ryerson	Own.	74	Vesey St.	a privy
	W^{m} Forshee	Occ.			
8	Jas. Teller	Own.	163	Division St.	do
	M. Watts	Occ.			
9	O. Lawrence	Les. & Occ.	165	do.	do
10	A. Stagg	Own	167	do.	do
	J. Woodruff	Occ.			
11	A. Stagg	Own	117	Harman St.	do
	W^{m} Martin	Occ.			
12	T. Griffen	Own.	7	Jews' Alley	do.
	Mrs. Alexander	Occ.			
13	[462] W^{m} Parsells	Own	244	Duane St.	do.
	R. Brown	Occ.			
14	Hugh Maxwell	Own		Mulberry St.	do.
15	A. Mather	Own.	26	Lumber St.	do.
	J. B. Constant	Occ.			
16	B. Hart	Les.	5	Ann St.	do
	W. Jewett & E. Baty	Oc.			
17	Jas. Morange	Les. & Oc.	44	Maiden Lane	do
18	J. T. Leonard	Own.		Cedar c. Washington	do

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector

The City Inspector presented the following communication respecting a house in Orange Street occupied as a Slaughter house—Viz.

That said house had been sold for taxes and that the time for which it had been sold had expired. Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel to take measures to put the Corporation in possession and if there is no legal impediment thereto to direct the Superintendant of Repairs to take possession of the same.

[463] The Counsel presented the following agreement and leases which were directed to be duly executed: Viz.

An agreement between the Corporation and James Wallace for making a Canal in Clarkson and Carmine Streets and in the Sixth Avenue.

Also an agreement with Luther Bloomfield for making a Canal in Chapel Street.

Also an Agreement with John Anderson for building a Wharf or pier into the North River near the foot of Vesey Street.

Also a Lease to Charles Watts of a ferry to be established between the northern boundary of the limits of the grant of the Hoboken Ferry to Philip Hone and Christopher Street and the usual landing place at Weehawk and to any other place on the New Jersey shore not exceeding ¼ of a mile therefrom.

Also Two Leases to Cornelius R. Duffie of lots of ground at Kip's Bay which were sold on the 6th of March 1817 for nonpayment of the Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue [464] one of which was sold for the term of 80 years for 159 dollars and 57 cents and is bounded as follows—Viz. All that certain piece of land, owner unknown, situated at Kip's Bay in the 9th Ward of said City bounded southerly by land now or lately belonging to James Jarvis and by lands now or lately belonging to James McCready, westerly by the 3d Avenue, northerly by lands belonging to Maria Duffie & others, executors of the Will of John Duffie deceased, and easterly by the centre line between the 2d and 3d Avenues, the said piece of land having heretofore been intended to form part of a road or way thro' Kip's farm to be called Susan Street.

The other lot was sold for the term of 30 years for 186 dollars & 3 cents and is bounded as follows—Viz—All that certain piece of land, owner unknown, situated at Kip's Bay in the 9th Ward of the said City bounded easterly by the 3d Avenue, southerly partly by lands now or lately be- [465] longing to James Chesterman, partly by the road or way called Elbert Street and partly by lands now or lately belonging to Cornelius Roosevelt deceased, westerly by the Centre line between the 3d and 4th Avenues and northerly partly by lands now or lately belonging to *to* Maria Duffie and others, executors of the will of John Duffie deceased, partly by the road or way called Elbert Street and partly by lands now or lately belonging to Abraham Russell, the said piece of land having heretofore been intended to form part of a road or way thro' Kip's Bay to be called Kip's Bay Street."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel

The Street Committee, on the petition respecting Lombardy Park, reported:

"That they have examined the situation of said Park and are satisfied that it is a Nuisance to those in the vicinity, without any advantage whatever to the neighbourhood. [466] They are therefore of opinion that the request of the petitioners ought to be granted: for which purpose they beg leave to submit the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to cause the fence at present inclosing the Little Park at the intersection of Market, Lombardy and Cheapside Streets to be removed and that the space be regulated and paved. Also

"Resolved that the Well standing on the Sidewalk in front of the Park aforesaid be filled up, it being useless as there is another within 20 feet of better water."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of certain lessees [467] under the Rutgers' family remonstrating against the widening of Harman Street at the present period, Reported:

"That they have had said petition under consideration and can find no good reason at present for granting their request. The Corporation having passed a resolution for widening said street, if the above mentioned block is left it will defeat the whole project. They therefore offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of said petitioners."

(signed) Asa Mann
" S. Stevens
" S. P. Brittain
" J. B. Taylor
" W. A. Davis

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom was referred a Memorial on the subject of causing an Index to be made of the public Records in the Register's Office of the City, Reported:

[468] " That they have given this subject the consideration which its importance and interest to the community appeared to require. In considering this memorial your Committee have of necessity been led also to consider the memorial of Garritt Gilbert Esqr, the Register, which was presented to the Board in the month of September last and referred to a Committee but it appears that it never was reported upon or farther acted upon by the Board.

" In the memorial of Mr. Gilbert a variety of facts are stated to shew the negligent and highly reprehensible manner in which the papers and records of that office have been kept and your Committee are constrained to admit that the representations in the memorial of the Register have been made to appear to your Committee substantially correct.

" It appears as stated by Mr. Gilbert that there has been no ' General Index of Mortgages ' continued for about 3 years [469] succeeding May 1815 tho' the Statute is imperative in requiring such general Index of all the books of mortgages and incumbrances to be made by the Register.

" Again the Statute points out the manner in which mortgages shall be cancelled, which is by making a Minute of the Certificate of discharge or satisfaction piece in the books of registry, and yet there appears to have been within the last 12 or 15 years about 800 of these discharges or satisfaction pieces in relation to which some of the preceding registers have not complied with the statute but have left the Mortgages on record uncancelled, and tho' the discharges are on file in the office yet the statute required the additional duty of minuting them on record and allowed a compensation therefor and it is important that it should have been done.

" There is much irregularity, as well as deficiency in the books of the office; no uniform system as to certain classes of conveyances has ever been pursued.

[470] " In the books of conveyances have been recorded Insolvent Discharges, Powers of Attorney, Certificates of Manumission, Articles of Agreement &c. &c.

" While your Committee express an opinion that this state of things should be remedied, they admit that it is the duty of the State to see that their own officers do their duty and that they should remedy evils attendant on such omissions of their officers, Yet the probability is that as this is a question of interest only to our City the State would not incur the necessary expence. Under this view of the subject we recommend to the Board to meet the wishes of the highly respectable petitioners and to incur the expence necessary to put this Office on a proper footing. What these expences will amount to is a subject of some uncertainty. Mr. Gilbert has estimated the expence of indexing the books of conveyances at 10 dollars per volume and there are about 200 volumes of this description [471] and about 50 of mortgages, but your Committee are satisfied that it can be done for much less. For making the minutes of the discharges or satisfaction pieces the Statute allows the register 25 cents for each certificate which will make a further expence of One hundred and fifty or Two hundred Dollars.

" Your Committee think that the expence should not deter the Board from the undertaking. The subject is important and has interested the attention of our citizens almost all of whom are in one way or another interested in titles of property being clear and indisputable.

" Your Committee conclude by offering the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Committee on Public Offices have made a General Index of all the books of Conveyances, and mortgages in the Register's Office and that they be authorised either to contract for or have the writing done by a person on wages as they may think proper.

[472] " Resolved that the said Committee be authorised, if they should judge it expedient, to cause the mortgages to be cancelled for which satisfaction pieces are filed."

(signed) S. Stevens
" B. Crane
" J. Morss
" W. A. Davis
" T. Bolton

which was approved and the resolution adopted: an[d] on motion of Alderman Allen

" Resolved that application be made to the Legislature at their next Session for relief in defraying the expence incurred by making the Indexes &c. alluded to in the foregoing resolutions and that the Committee be instructed to prepare such application & report the same to this Board."

The Street Committee, on the petition respecting Bleecker Street, reported:

" That they have examined the situation of those streets and found Bleecker [473] Street to be in a dangerous state and they are of opinion that said Streets ought to be regulated. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that Bleecker Street be regulated from M^{c}Dougal to Herring Street and that Herring Street be regulated from Bleecker to Carmine Street. Also

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" J. Morss
" S. P. Brittain
" S. Parker.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the petition against raising Washington & Greenwich Streets, reported:

" That they have personally examined the situation of Carlisle, Washington and Greenwich Streets and are fully of opinion that Carlisle Street oght to be raised & repaved [474] in order to make it correspond with the new pavement in front of the Albany Basin. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the pavement in Carlisle Street be taken up, raised and repaved with so much of Greenwich and Washington Streets as may be necessary in order to make them conform to the regulation of the adjoining Street, and that the Street Commissioner present an ordinance forthwith for that purpose."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition respecting Essex Street, reported the following resolution:

"Resolved that Essex Street be regu- [475] lated and paved from Grand to Broome Street and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to present an Ordinance forthwith for that purpose."

(Signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved and the Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed.

The Committee of Charity, on the petition of Schuyler Baxter, reported:

"That they believe him to be a poor man and not himself very deserving, but if the above fine is not remitted his family will be very much distressed. They beg leave to present the following resolution:

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board discharge the suit against Schuyler Baxter for violating the Sunday Law on [476] payment of costs."

(signed) S. Parker
" T. Bolton
" D. Board

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on petition of John Powell, Reported:

"That said Powell is a very poor man with a large family to support & he also states he did not intentionally violate the law. They offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Attorney of the Board discharge John Powell from the above fine on payment of costs."

(signed) S. Parker
" T. Bolton
" D. Board

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee on petition of Colonel James B. Murray, reported:

"That the expenditure alluded to [477] has been viewed by the Committee as an unauthorised expenditure and they had therefore declined troubling the Board with the consideration of the question; but from further proof being laid before your Committee they are of opinion the bill, considering the circumstances under which the expenditure was made, ought to be paid by the Board. They therefore report the following resolution:

"Resolved that a Warrant pass in favor of Colonel James B. Murray for twenty dollars being the amount expended by him in furnishing refreshments for General Jackson's Escort."

(signed) John Hone
" S. P. Brittain
" J. Hammond
Assistant Alderman
10th Ward.
" B. Crane

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant therefor.

[478] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that it shall be the duty of the City Inspector and the persons attached to his Department to perform such duties in relation to the cleansing of the houses, yards and Streets and filling up lots and cellars of this City as may be required by the Board of Health until the first day of November next."

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to contract for filling in that part of the public lane west of Washington St. between Albany and Cedar Streets.

A Member stating he had confidential business to communicate, the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors Closed.*

[479] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 23d Aug	59.81	
Recd for Streets	25,610.14	
" Rents	8,842.41	
" Commutn Alien passengers	1703.	
" Arrears of Tax	1600.	
" 6th Avenue	1500.	
" Canal Street	868.90	
" 4th Street	400.	
" Tavern Licences	222.40	
" Wells & Pumps	148.98	
" 1st Street	133.35	
" Mayoralty fees	98.50	
" Penalties	2.	41,189.49

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* No entry, although space was left for the same.—ED.

61 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st dist	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	707.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.
C. D. Colden—Mayor 1. qr. 2d inst	1750.
O. Edwards—Counsel—1 qr. 27 Aug	125.
G. Cuming City Inspr 1 qr. 28 Aug	312.50
[480] Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr 1 month 1st inst	52.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspr 1 month 1st inst	52.
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	52.
Jonathan Weeden—St. Inspector 1 mo. 1st inst	52.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers—1 mo. 1st inst	60.
Abm Brevoort—Inspector of Bread 1 qr. 21 August	97.80
D. H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field—1 mo. 1st inst	46.50
Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park—1 mo. 1st inst	46.50
George Buckmaster—repairs to mud machine	99.39
Fine, See & Co. Coach hire for Road Committee	18.
James Warner—Special Justice 1 qr. 26th Augt	250.
Jas. Hopson do. do.	250.
[481] Chs. Christian—Special Justice 1 qr. 26th August	250.
Peter Townsend—Clerk of Police—38 days 26th August	104.10
R. Stephens—Clerk Police Office 1 qr. 26th Augt	225.
J. Hays—to pay Officers conveying persons to penitentiary 1 qr. 26 Aug	88.
J. Hays to pay Officers. extra service Police Office—1 qr. 26 Aug	100.83
Leonard Kip—to pay Supg & lightg lamps 1 mo. 1st inst	879.25
Robert Provoost—repairg lamps in August	54.08
Patk Mehan— balce award Anthony St	3932.56
David Crone— do. do. do.	1934.58
Terence Waters do. do. do.	1545.13
N. M. Delonguemare do. do. do.	440.17
Corns Henchman—Award Carmine St	321.
Thomas Stone do. do.	205.
Smith Clark do. do.	79.
John C. West do. do.	79.
Michael Fagan do. do.	79.
[482] Thos. Robertson—Award—Carmine St	79.
Corns Bogert—bal. Award Grand St	3392.50
Thos. Monilaws—Award do.	1988.52
Thos. P. Lawrence—do. do.	905.
John Charles do. do.	700.
Wm Osborn do. do.	607.
Wm Marshall. bal. do. do.	666.72
Wm Green—Attorney for Jos. Dean—Award for Grand Street	408.
Jackson & Bagot— Award Grand St	356.
Elizabeth Gedney— bal. do. do.	260.80
Barnet *Storing*. [Story] do. do. do.	228.30

Francis Fagan—Award Grand St.	100.	
Mrs. Davis do. do.	50.	
Wynant Van Zandt do. do.	9.	
Chs. Mooney act pavg Bowery	800.	
Hen. Cochrane do. do. Hudson St.	500.	
Fred. Yoemans—bal. in full regulating Mercer St.	477.98	
Pinkerton & Forgye—account paving Hammond St.	300.	
Thos. Lovett—account paving Greenwich Street	250.	
[483] Abisha Smith—balance curbing Washington St.	104.37	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Anthony St.	100.	
do. act. regg & curbg Grand St.	100.	
Jno. Williams acct regg 4th St.	400.	
Wm Slosson—Attorney for J. R. Livingston—judgment of Supreme Court for bulkhead at Goerck St.	2214.98	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' house for work 3d Avenue	1500.	
J. McComb—St. Commissioner—Award to unknown owners of ground at Bellevue to be paid into Court	2800.	
Richard Furman—Supt Alms' house	6000.	41,141.31
		$48.18

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight.

VOLUME THIRTY-NINE
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
September 10, 1819 to January 31, 1820

[1] Special Meeting. In Common Council Sept. 10. 1819.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

John Hone
E. W. King
Leonard Kip
Jno. P. Anthony
Jno. Morss
Robt. McQueen
Asa Mann
Geo. B. Thorp
Steph. Allen

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Hermanus Tallman
Benjamin Crane
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
S. P. Brittain
Judah Hammond

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had summoned the Board in consequence of an omission to direct the issuing of bonds in pursuance of the report of the Canal Committee of the 23d ultimo which directed bonds to be issued on certain contingencies to the Canal [2] Contractors but there had yet been no positive direction of the Board on the subject. The Comptroller then laid before the Board the following bonds which he had prepared agreeably to the directions of the Finance Committee and which the Canal Contractors had agreed to accept: Viz

One Bond to the President, Directors and Company of the Mechanics' Bank dated 23d August 1819 payable 23d August 1820 with interest at 7 per cent conditioned for the payment of			$3000.
One do. dates &c. as above for			3000.
One do.	do.	do.	3000.
One do.	do.	do.	3000.
One do.	do.	do.	3000.
One do.	do.	do.	3000.
One do.	do.	do.	3000.
One do.	do.	do.	4647.37
			$25,647.37

Whereupon said Bonds were directed to be executed.

[3] A complaint from sundry Inhabitants of the situation of the Street at the foot of Barclay Street and praying it may be paved was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[4] Special Meeting. In Common Council Sept. 13. 1819.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

John Hone
E. W. King
Leonard Kip
Jno. P. Anthony
Jno. Morss
Asa Mann
J. B. Taylor
G. B. Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Hermanus Tallman
Shivers Parker
S. P. Brittain
David Board
W. A. Davis
Judah Hammond

His Honor the Mayor stated that in consequence of a consultation with the Board of Health it was deemed expedient to call a meeting of the Common Council to sanction expenditures which were likely to be incurred during the prevalence of the present malignant [5] fever and also to consult as to what further measures of precaution might be necessary to be pursued at the present crisis.

Mr. Stevens presented the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted: Viz.

" Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms' house be directed to provide for the support of the poor inhabitants who may remove to the places provided for them by the Board of Health, and also to provide medical Assistance for the sick who may be removed:

And farther

That this Board will make provision for all necessary expences which the Board of Health may incur in removing & providing for the poor owing to the present pestilential disease."

It was moved that the Doors be closed. Upon the question being taken thereon the Board was equally divided and the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative. So the motion was lost.

[6] An Ordinance was presented by the Recorder entitled 'An Ordinance to prevent the spreading of malignant diseases in this City' which was read by Paragraphs and agreed to. On the final question of agreeing to the Ordinance it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and nays having been called by Mr. Stevens were as follow:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldn. Hone King Kip Anthony Morss Mann Taylor Thorp Allen Messrs. Tallman Crane Brittain

Negative. Messrs. Bolton Stevens Parker Board Davis Hammond.

[7] His Honor the Mayor stated that a request had been made to him by General Bernard and the Commissioners of the United States appointed on the subject of fortifying the Sea Coast of the United States for the use of the Charts and plan relative to this Harbor which were in the possession of the Corporation that Copies or extracts might be taken from them. Whereupon it was resolved that the request of the said Commissioners be complied with.

[8] In Common Council Sept 20. 1819.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden Mayor, President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Saml. Stevens
Leonard Kip	Herm^{s} Tallman
Jno. P. Anthony	Benj^{n} Crane
Jno. Morss	J. J. Westervelt
Robt. M^{c}Queen	S. Parker
Asa Mann	S. P. Brittain
J. B. Taylor	D. Board
G. B. Thorp	W. A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond.

The minutes of the three last meetings were read and approved.

A petition of Mary Simonson on subject of a house built by her husband on a leased lot which lease had expired two years [9] ago and they had since paid several Assessments on said lots and the Corporation had now entered into possession of said property and praying repayment of said sums, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from William Shaw for permission to remove a frame house from the College Yard in Park Place to the corner of Fourth and Thompson Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3^{d} Ward with authority to grant the request.

A request from the Treasurer of the New York Free School Society for payment of $1500 granted to them by the Legislature was referred to the Finance Committee.

A complaint from sundry Inhabitants of the Situation of a lot between Fulton Street and Peck Slip was read and referred to the City Inspector.

[10] A petition of N. U. Tompkins for permission to construct a

cistern in front of his house at the junction of Pump & Division Streets was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition that another room may be assigned to the Justices of the Marine Court as a Court room was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A complaint of the course of the Gutter in Front Street was referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Henry M. Van Solinger for permission to construct a Vault in front of No. 51 Cedar Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition for a Well & Pump in Carmine St. and for one near Herring Street were referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and [11] Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of Elizabeth Gardner for herself and Elizabeth Doan praying that the houses Nos. 60 and 62 in Harman Street may not in the contemplated widening of Grand Street be removed until next spring was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of William J. Furman for permission to remove a frame house from Roosevelt Street to a lot in Batavia Lane both situations being within the Fire Limits was referred to the Counsel for his opinion as to the legality of such removal.

A petition of Elijah Guion was received, stating that he is possessed of an undivided right in lot No. 32 Oliver Street upon which an Assessment is laid for opening said Street, that measures are now taking for a settlement of the right in said lot [12] and praying an extension of time for payment of said Assessment, which was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Robert Thorburn for appointment of Measurer of Grain and a similar petition from Jacob Brinckerhoff were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of John Kent for a Stall in Corlaer's Hook market: of George Paff for Stall No. 2 Essex Market: of Frederick Hegel for a stand to sell Sausages in Washington Market and of Joseph Lawrence, occupant of Stall No. 45 Catharine Market for permission to transfer the same for a few months during an absence from this City were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from Daniel Marsh and others, butchers, was received stating that they have been a long time in the habit of using certain [13] patent scales for weighing meat in the market which have not hitherto been objected to by the former Sealers of Weights and Measures; that the present Sealer Joseph P. Simpson has informed them that such scales are not legal and they have therefore incurred a penalty, and praying relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Market Committee.

A Complaint from sundry inhabitants in Greenwich Street near Cedar Street that the owners of lots corner of Greenwich and Cedar Streets have piled lumber on the side walks to a considerable height to the great annoyance of the neighbourhood and praying relief, was referred to the Street Commissioner.

A petition from Jacob Warner & William King was presented, stating that an Order was issued for a lease for lot No. 265 William street to said Warner but the lease has not been [14] made out and praying that the lease may be now made for said lot to William King. Upon reading said petition the Comptroller reported:

" That the petition of Jacob Warner and William King which has been read was intended to have been presented at the last meeting of the Board, and in order to facilitate the object contemplated thereby he would now represent that a Lease was prepared by the Counsel in March last to Jacob Warner for the house and lot of ground belonging to the Corporation, No. 265 William Street, for 7 years from the 1st of May 1819 at an annual rent of 320 dollars. In consequence of illness & other causes Mr. Warner has not executed the lease but paid the quarterly rent due the 1st of August last. It is respectfully recommended that leave be given to William King to take a similar lease for the property from the above date 1st of May 1819 and that the Counsel be authorized to prepare the same. The rent which has been paid will be carried [15] to the credit of Mr. King's account.

respectfully submitted

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

whereupon it was resolved that the Counsel be directed to prepare and report a lease for said lot to William King agreeably to the said report of the Comptroller.

A petition that that part of Sullivan Street which is not paved may be ordered to be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of William McFarland, a Soldier wounded during the late war at the battle of Chippewa, praying pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of John Dennis in behalf of John Patterson, stating that said Patterson is absent at sea on a voyage to India and is expected soon to return; that during his absence an Assessment has been laid upon his house & lot [16] No. 123 Anthony Street and praying an extension of time for payment of said Assessment, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No 3.

Jacob Brower—Accountant 49 Beaver St. 1 ward vice William Burras—resigned.

No. 9.

W^{m} S. Roshore—Grocer—62 Pearl St. 1 ward vice Matthias Valentine—Deceased.

No. 28.

John Jones—Slater—Mott n. Bleecker St. 8 ward vice Robert Boston—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for repaving Grand Street from the Bowery to Broadway and one for paving Broadway from Bleecker Street to Art Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Col- [17] lector in the former and Morris De Camp in the latter.

He also presented a Communication recommending that Reade Street be regulated and paved from Washington Street to the Bulkhead with so much of Washington Street as may be necessary to make it conform to the regulation of Reade Street and he also presented an Ordinance conformably thereto, which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented Ordinances for regulating Bleecker Street from M^{c}Dougall Street to the Sixth Avenue, for regulating and paving Thompson Street from Spring Street to Broome Street, and for regulating Wooster Street from Spring Street to Lispenard's line. which were passed and the same persons appointed Assessors in each.

He also stated that the lower end of Harrison Provost and Beach streets from Washington [18] Street to the River and North Moore, Hubert and Laight Streets from Greenwich street to the River required regulating and paving and he presented Ordinances agreeably therefor which were passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors in each.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Oliver Street. whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented a Communication respecting an Ordinance passed 24th March 1817 directing a Bulkhead to be built on the westerly line of West Street between Courtland and Duane Streets, which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	Presidt Directors & Co. Manhattan			Beach & Washington	A Lot
[2]	[19] Joshua Jones	Own.	281	Water St.	do.
3	P. Rhinelander	do.		Washington & Robinson	do.
4	Anthony Lynar	do.	6	Orange St.	do.
5	Nathaniel Smith	do.		James Slip & Water St.	do.
6	Mr. Somendyke J. Burford	Own. Occ.	5	Whitehall St.	do.
7	D. Hagerty	Own.	100	Anthony St.	do.
8	Philip Rhinelander	Own.		Read & West Sts.	do.
9	John Deitz	Own.		Wooster St.	do.
10	F. C. Julian	Les.		Theatre Alley	do.
11	Wm & G. Post W. F. Watts	Own. Occ.	49	Elm St.	a privy
12	B. Pell Geo. Ellis	Own. Occ.	243	Cherry St.	do.
13	B. Pell Amos Dexter	Own. Occ.	245	do.	do.
14	Samuel Kelly Peter Barry	Own. Occ.	357	Water St.	do.
15	D. McClarin	Own.		Pearl & Elm Sts.	a Lot.

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

[20] He also, on the petition of Joseph Pell, Reported:

"That on the 14th day of June last Mr. Pell was ordinanced to empty a privy and fill it with earth—to either make a new one 3 feet from any of the adjoining lots or to substitute tubs. The Ordinance expired the 25th of June. Mr. Pell, however, bled the privy, as it is termed, instead of casting the contents into the river. Hence on the 3d of July the City Inspector thought it his duty to send the Ordinance to the Attorney of the Board.

" From the Affidavits annexed to Mr. Pell's petition it should appear that he has since corrected the evil and the Board will determine whether under the statement of facts herein set forth the penalty should be remitted."

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

A motion was made that the fine be remitted on payment of costs. The question being taken thereon it passed in the negative.

[21] The Counsel presented the draft of a Contract with Haviland Weeks which was directed to be executed.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the petition of Heir of Chapin Ward, reported:

" That Chapin Ward, a mariner, did die intestate and that the public administrator took out administration upon his goods and chattels: That the proceeds of these amounting to 254 dollars & sixty six cents have been paid into the City Treasury: That his legal representatives are Phœbe Hill the Wife of Adam Hill & George Ward, and that George Ward is entitled to one half of the said sum and that Henry D. Sedgwick is by attorney authorised to receive the same.

" The Counsel and Comptroller therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

" Resolved that a Warrant for One hundred and twenty seven dollars 33 cents issue in favor of Henry D. Sedgwick as [22] attorney for George Ward upon his giving a bond to the satisfaction of the Comptroller to save the Corporation harmless."

(signed) O. Edwards. Counsel
" G. N. Bleecker—Compt.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Counsel to whom was referred the petition of Charles McCarty, reported:

" That on the 13th April 1807 Charles McCarty obtained a lease from the Corporation of a lot of ground at the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets which lot was therein described as bounded in the rear by a lot of ground heretofore leased by the Corporation to Jedediah Waterman and as containing 20 feet front & rear and in length 71 feet be the same more or less.

"Mr. Waterman's lease bears date in the year 1804 and is described as containing 75 feet 10 inches in length. It appears from a Survey made by Edward Doughty one of the City Surveyors that Mr. [23] Waterman's lot extends only 75 feet 10 inches in length and that Mr. McCarty is in possession of a lot of but Sixty six feet in length. Mr. McCarty's lot of course falls short of the extent described in his lease five feet. It has been settled by adjudications of the Supreme Court of this State that when land is sold by limits and bounds that they are to govern and that the grantee has no remedy if the ground falls short of what is mentioned in the Deed provided the boundaries are correct. It is contended by Mr. McCarty and admitted by Mr. Waterman that he once paid to Mr. Akerly, who formerly leased the property from the Corporation which is now leased to Mr. McCarty, an annual rent for the use of the five feet now claimed by him. Mr. Waterman says that he was induced to do this in consequence of Mr. Akerly's claiming it, but that upon having it surveyed and finding that he had no more ground in his possession than was described in his lease he refused to pay any rent for it.

[24] He also contends, and nothing is made to appear to the contrary, that not only himself but a Mr. Van Zandt who formerly leased the same ground from the Corporation always had the five feet in question in their possession.

"Under these circumstances the Counsel is induced to think that the boundaries as contended for by Mr. Waterman are correct and that Mr. McCarty has no legal claim to the five feet in question.

"With respect to the small gore along Roosevelt Street the Counsel for the same reasons is of opinion that Mr McCarty has no legal claim to it farther than to the rear of the lot in his occupation. This gore is described as being bounded southerly by a piece of ground being in front of a lot of ground heretofore leased to Jedediah Waterman, and altho' it is described as extending 71 feet in length yet as the boundaries must govern he has no legal claim to a greater extent than to Mr. [25] Waterman's ground.

"The Counsel is also of opinion that Mr. McCarty has not any just claim to the premises in question farther than to Mr. Waterman's line. Mr. McCarty was in the occupation of his lot before he obtained his last lease. He consequently knew the extent of it. He could not have been deceived by the incorrect description of its length. He must have been sensible that the Corporation did not intend to lease him ground which had already been leased to Mr. Waterman or to lease any part of the Street lying in front of his lot."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which report was approved.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward in performance of their visiting duty to the Alms' house and Penitentiary Establishments, Reported:

" That in their examination of these Establishments they have found them in [26] general in such order and condition as reflects credit on their Superintendants. An improvement as to the cleanliness of the Alms' house Establishment is certainly obvious, tho' perhaps there is still room for additional improvement in relation to this important particular.

" The children in the Penitentiary are now kept separate from older offenders and considerable attention is paid in teaching them the common branches of Education: but as these unfortunate young culprits, if they ever so far reform as to obtain an honest livelihood, must obtain it by manual labour it may be doubted whether it would not be for their benefit and the interest of the community that they should be employed in such manner as to give them habits of manual industry and the knowledge of some trade rather than exclusively to occupy their time in school.

" In relation to the Female Lunatic [27] apartments they are certainly not as spacious and comfortable as could be wished: fortunately their number is not great. We think the Corporation will find it advisable to remove this class of lunatics, as well as the male lunatics, to the Hospital when the buildings of that establishment shall be extensive enough to accommodate them: and it certainly will be for the advantage of the patients who cannot be properly provided for or attended to in either the Penitentiary or Alms house. The removal of the lunatics will give additional room, which is already required, as the paupers at the present time much exceed those of the preceding years at the same season. The want of work & employment for the ensuing season will no doubt greatly add to the present increased numbers.

" Emigration is a fruitful source of pauperism to the City. The State at large, or rather the agricultural part of it derive all the benefit of immigration, while the expences and evils are entailed on our City. [28] The subject deserves the particular attention of the Corporation: and perhaps it would be advisable to appoint a Committee to obtain all the facts in relation to foreign immigration to the City, the proportion of them who become chargeable to the Community and the expences of their support, with a view to present again this subject to the consideration of the Legislature."

(signed) E. W. King
" Sam^{l} Stevens.

which was directed to be filed, and it was resolved that agreeably to the suggestion in the report a Committee be appointed to obtain the facts in relation to foreign immigration to this City, the proportion of those who become chargeable & the expences of their support with a view to present this subject to the consideration of the Legislature. The Committee appointed were Alderman King Mr Stevens Alderman Kip.

[29] The Finance Committee, to whom were referred the several petitions of Mead Darrow, Catharine & John Minuse and the congregation of Sherath Israel, reported:

" That as the Corporation are merely acting as agents of the parties for collecting the Assessments and paying them over to the persons damaged by the improvement the petitioners can have no claim for the indulgence required. Your Committee have nevertheless good reason to believe that to press the payment of the money at this moment would be the cause of great inconvenience, if not a sacrifice of the property interested, and they therefore, in consideration of the peculiar situation of our City recommend that an extension of time be granted and offer the following resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the time for the payment of the amount assessed on the property of Mead *H*[D]arrow be extended to the 1st day of September 1820, and on the amount assessed on the property of John Minuse to the [30] 1st day of December next; and on the amount assessed on the property of Sherath Israel to the 14th day of March 1820: and that interest be charged on the several amounts for the time thus allowed."

(signed) S. Allen
" B. Crane
" J. Hammond
" S. P. Brittain
" John Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Captain James Gillender, reported:

" That they believe the circumstances are correctly stated in the above mentioned letter and your Committee are of opinion that the penalty should be remitted and that the costs should also be remitted if the writ was issued after Captain Gillender had given the bonds, but as Captain Gillender was to blame in not calling between the 17th and 31st of August at the Mayor's Office [31] we think he should pay the costs if the writ was issued previous to the 31st of August. They offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the penalty in the case of Captain Gillender be remitted: but that he pay costs of suit if the writ was issued previous to the 31st of August, but not otherwise."

(signed) S. Stevens
" T. Bolton
" B. Crane
" W. A. Davis
" J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

A Letter was received from John J. Howe, dated the 20th instant, resigning his office as House Physician to the Alms' House. Whereupon Resolved that his resignation be accepted.

The Recorder presented a law entitled " A Law to prohibit for a limited time the sale of Old clothes and bedding within the City of New York ' which was read by paragraphs and passed.

[32] Alderman Morss presented a law entitled " A law to repeal a law entitled ' a law for the appointment of a City Intendant and prescribing his duties " which was passed.

The following resolution was presented by Alderman Morss and adopted:

" Resolved that there shall be three Street Inspectors appointed by this Board to be subject to the direction of the Street Commissioner who shall divide the City into three districts and assign to each of the said Inspectors his respective district:

And that it shall be the duty of the said Street Inspectors to attend unto and perform all the duties heretofore performed by the City Intendant as well as the duties heretofore performed by the Street Inspectors in their respective districts:

And that the said Inspectors shall be allowed each Two dollars per day including Sundays for their services."

The Board proceeded to choose the persons [33] to fill the said offices when Jonathan Pinkney, Samuel Hutchings and Abraham Ackerman were chosen.

Alderman King, agreeably to a recommendation of the Board of Health, presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Whereas it is the duty of the Watchmen during the present season to remain in the City and attend to the performance of their duty, and particularly to guard the property of such of the inhabitants as have temporarily removed therefrom: And whereas the said Watchmen in the performance of their duty may endanger their health: As an inducement, therefore, for the said Watchmen to remain at their posts, it is

"Resolved—that in case any watchman shall become sick during the present season and by those means unable to attend to his duty, such Watchman shall be furnished with medical assistance at the expence of this Board and his regular pay shall be continued [34] notwithstanding his inability to perform such duty."

On motion of Alderman King

"Resolved that a warrant issue in favor of Pierre C. Van Wyck Esqr. for Five hundred dollars on account of his bill of fees heretofore presented to the Board of Supervisors."

Alderman Kip presented the following:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby authorised to extend the contract with John Anderson for building an 'L' on the South side of the Pier now building at the foot of Vesey Street in like manner as the 'L' now contracted for on the North side of said pier."

The Comptroller reported.

Balance in Treasury 6th inst	$48.18	
Received for Excise	300.	
[35] " " Police Office	383.34	
" " Rents	6014.44	
" " Streets	6784.46	
" " Wells & Pumps	20.	
" " City Stock subscription	100,750.	
" Loan of Mechanics' Bank	51,000.	165,300.42

77 Accounts Audited.

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Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.
Philip Becanon—Inspector of bread—1 qr's Salary 10th instant	95.60
Andrew Van Orden—Keeper of Battery 1 mo. 19th inst.	45.
O. Edwards—Counsel—drawing contracts, leases & costs of suit	229.09

Grattan & Banks—printing 250 charters................	112.50
John Wells—retaining & argument fee in the case of R. Livingston	75.
[36] Col. James B. Murray—expences of escort for Gen. Jackson	20.
G. Sickels—for officers conveying persons to Bridewell 1 qr. 28th Aug..	132.50
David Lyon—balance of award on Market street........	986.24
Patrick Phelan—balance of award on Market Street.....	367.40
Henry Harman balance of award on Market Street......	307.88
Mrs. McDermot—balance of award on Market Street....	241.49
Robert Watts—balance of award on Market Street......	205.50
Richard Barton—balance of award of Market street....	159.53
George Buckmaster—balance of award on Market street	67.50
Felix Cunningham—balance of award on Market Street	51.30
Jonas Mapes balance of award on Market Street........	40.74
[37] Samuel Dayton—balance of award on Market Street	34.73
Benjamin Stephens & Wm L. Lippencot—Award on Grand St..	2800.
Thomas Clarkson— do. do.	2550.
John Fleming—Attorney for Jacob Halsey—Award on Grand St..	1460.
Samuel Thompson— do. do.	900.
Matthew Byrne do. do.	795.
Jacob Tier—balance do. do.	737.65
Jno. C. Kingsland do. do.	619.
Stephen N. Bayard—Award to J. H. McIntosh & Wife—Award on Grand St.................................	38.
James Vincent—Award on Grand St...................	12.
Jno. R. Livingston do. Anthony St.................	393.81
Jno. G. Bogert—balance do. do.	145.02
Hugh Smith—on account paving Anthony St............	500.
Thomas A. Emmet—Award for 6th Avenue & Carmine St.	340.
Samuel Jones Jr. Award for the Sixth Avenue & Carmine Street	73.
[38] Executors of Philip Jacobs award on Oliver Street.	5215.
Wm B. Crosby executor of Mary McCrea—Award on Oliver St...	4665.
John Hyslop—Award on Oliver St...................	4456.
Saml Cheesman— do. do.	3380.
Sarah Johnson do. do.	2400.
Matthew Carvey do. do.	2200.
Geo. Jacobs do. do.	1700.
Saml Torbert—by his agent John McKay—balance award on Oliver Street..	1654.81
Thos. Burlock—Award on Oliver St....................	1110.
J. Rice do. do.	1035.

Rachel Hart & Caleb Pell—executors of J. Cheesman—Award for Oliver Street	1010.	
Moses Leon Award for Oliver St	1000.	
John McIntyre—Administrator of Peter McCullen decd award on Oliver Street	870.	
Henry Rutgers balance on Award for Oliver Street	644.	
[39] Phoebe Beach—Award Oliver St	500.	
Joseph Hunt do. do.	370.	
Moses Frazyer do. do.	250.	
Mrs. Byrnes do. do.	140.	
Luke Linnon do. do.	50.	
Esther Anderson—Award for Carmine Street	2178.	
David Dunham—Award Carmine St	453.	
Thos. Robertson do. do.	79.	
Thos. Freeborn do. do.	67.	
John McComb—St. Commissioner for paving-stones	1000.	
Charles Mooney on account paving Division street	400.	
Pinkerton & Forgye on account paving Hammond St.	200.	
William Bailey on account regulating North St	200.	
Jno. Bailey—pav. & repav. Intersections	174.55	
Abraham Stagg for flagging at the Centre Market	138.53	
John Culbert balance paving Beach street	90.21	
[40] Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment in Cannon St	65.71	
Jno. Gallagher—1st Instalment Well in Henry St	55.68	
Saml Jones Jr. Award for 4th St	73.	
Jno. Randel Jr. on account Maps &c. 9th ward	434.	
Arthur Quin—filling pub. ground at King St. North river	1000.	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett repairg dock at Fulton St. North river	109.30	
Thos. Barnum Supg Wharves—24 days to 19th inst	48.	
Jacob P. Roome Superintend. of repairs—for repairg piers No. 5. 7. 20 and bulkheads	1666.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of repairs for repairs	900.	
Leonard Kip Esqr. to pay M. Crosby for Thirteen casks Oil	754.65	
Stephen Allen Esqr. Treasurer of Board of Health	1000.	
[41] The President, Directors & Co. of the Mechanics' Bank 3 bonds	99,984.37	
Richard Furman—Superintend. of Alms' house	4750.	165,269.04
	Balance	$31.38

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight.

[42] In Common Council Oct. 4. 1819.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen
John Hone
Elisha W. King
Leonard Kip
John P. Anthony
John Morss
Robert McQueen
Asa Mann
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Hermanus Tallman
Benjn Crane
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Barker
Steph. P. Brittain
David Board
W. A. Davis
Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Calendar of persons confined in the Bridewell together with the following abstract of the same:

[43] " The[re] were, as appears by the within Return 54 persons in confinement in the City Prison at the date hereof, of whom 1 is charged with perjury: 4 with Grand Larceny: 6 petit larceny, 2 of whom are indicted and their trials postponed at their solicitation: 5 assault and battery, several of whom are under sentence: 1 committed by the magistrates of the Police Office under the Statute relative to persons abandoning their families: 1 misdemeanour under sentence: 13 committed and sentenced as vagrants: 1 for examination: 5 paupers for transportation to their last place of settlement by the Commissioners of the Alms' House: 1 disorderly: 2 for keeping disorderly houses, one of whom is sentenced: 7 under sentence to be sent to the penitentiary according to their sentences: 4 paupers. Total 51. 3 prisoners under the authority of the United States, 1 for murder under sentence of death to be executed on the 29th inst. & 1 of them for piracy—Total 54. The Mayor has visited [44] the prison and found it in the usual good order."

All which is respectfully submitted,

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden.

A petition was received from Cyrenus Beers, stating that 106 barrels of flour were shipped to him from Alexandria for sale by a house at that place: that the same were presented by him to Adam Mill, Inspector of Flour at this port for inspection: that upon examining the same he found them deficient in weight to the amount of 382 pounds on the whole number of barrels: that the wrong (if any was intended) was not committed either by petitioner or by those who shipped them to him upon whom the penalty if inflicted will fall and praying remission of the same: whereupon the same was referred to Aldermen King Westervelt Parker

[45] A Communication was received from Thomas Eabanks, explaining a mode of constructing privies and water closets in public and private buildings which will prevent the noxious effluvia generally arising from such places—which was read and referred to Aldermen M^cQueen Taylor Mr. Hammond.

A Memorial was presented from several members of the New York Bar and others, stating that the room at present occupied by the Register of the City and County was not sufficiently spacious to give the necessary accommodation for the keeping of the Records and recommending that another more spacious room be assigned to him, which being read was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition from Patrick Caulfield and Patrick Toole of this City merchants, stating that they have been prosecuted on a charge [46] of using light weights and measures: that the present Sealer regulated their measures in June last and by an accident they were altered but are now again regulated and praying relief. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on public Offices.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants that a lamp may be placed in the alley leading from White Street to Franklin Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A petition of Israel Langdon for remission of a penalty incurred by his Son by disorderly conduct on the Battery and for which his son, has suffered an imprisonment of one week, was read and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

Petitions were received from William Bath for a stall in Fly Market: from William Somerville for a Stall in Spring Street Market: from John J. Fink and [47] Isaac Vaughan to be permitted to exchange with each other Stalls No. 12 & 14 Washington Market, and of J. G. Trosler and Esther Baldwin for hucksters' Stands in Washington Market—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from John Hatfield, stating that he is a licensed cartman; that his cart being out of repair he made use of his son's to cart two or three loads, and that he has been prosecuted by the Attorney therefor and praying relief—was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to remit the penalty if in their opinion proper.

A petition of Dr. William J. Belden to be appointed to the office of Resident Physician of the Alms' house accompanied with a recommendation of the physicians & surgeons of the State prison, was read and laid on the Table.

[48] A petition of Manuel Joseph to be permitted to construct a cistern in the street in front of his house No. 8 Bancker Street in the 4th Ward, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report.

A petition of James Brooks in behalf of the Estate of Richard Speaight praying a speedy determination respecting the opening of First Street from the Bowery to Broadway, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Patrick Monaghan for remission of fine for selling liquor on the Sabbath was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition for a Well and Pump near the corner of Burton and Bedford Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report [49] an Ordinance therefor.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants that Hubert Street may be regulated was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Charles Thurston for remission of fine incurred by one of his boys bathing on Sunday contrary to law was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to remit.

Petitions were received from Nicholas Schureman, Elizah Guion, Amos Jordan, Azel Conklin, George Reynolds and Oliver Waldron for appointment to the office of Captain of the City Watch for the 2d district; and of Ebenezer Whiting, Holly Waterbury and Nathaniel L. Astin for appointment of Assistant to the City Watch of the same district: which were severally read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition that the Sidewalks in Elizabeth Street between Broome and Spring Streets [50] may be paved was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from owners of property in Gold, Beekman and Fulton Streets, praying that Gold Street may be widened & straightened between Fulton & Beekman Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the 2d Ward.

A petition was received from John Anderson stating that he made a Contract with the Corporation for building a pier at the foot of Vesey Street: that he had sunk five of the blocks but that by some unforeseen circumstances one of the blocks sunk in one night ten feet owing to the muddy state of the bottom: that the Inspector could not of course give him a Certificate of the completion so as to entitle him to the first payment. He therefore prayed that the first payment might be made [51] and the subject referred to the investigation and direction of a Committee. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, piers and Slips.

A petition of Lewis Derauche for remission of a personal tax assessed on him of $6 $^{30}/_{100}$ which from his reduced circumstances he is unable to pay, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The following persons were appointed firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

" Fire Engine Company No. 40.

James Goodman—butcher—47 Mulberry St. 6 Ward vice Philip Derick—resigned.

George C. Baker—Accountant—Bowery c. Rivington— 10 Ward vice Philip Berry—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each: Viz—for regulating Washington Street from [52] Canal to Spring Street; for paving Varick Street from Laight to Vandam Street; for regulating and paving Albany Street from Greenwich Street to the bulkhead, and for paving Washington Street from Dey to Fulton Streets.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Cannon near Delancey Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented a corrected Copy of the Assessment for regulating and paving Broadway from Bleecker Street to Art Street as the one that was confirmed at the last Common Council was incorrect. Whereupon it was resolved that the confirmation made of the said Assessment on the 20th ulto. be & the same is hereby revoked, annulled and made void, and resolved that the present assessment now presented be and the same is hereby confirmed and that Morris De Camp [53] be and he is hereby appointed Collector of the same.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed and John Brower, Abraham Baudouine and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors—in each: Viz—for a Well and pump in Arden Street between Herring & Bedford Streets; for one in 8th Avenue between Greenwich Lane and 14th Street and for one in Carmine Street, between Bedford and Varick Streets.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed and

Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee & John Brower were appointed Assessors in each: Viz—for regulating West Street and paving one side walk between Dey and Fulton Streets; for regulating Washington Street and paving the easterly side from Carlisle Street to Rector Street and for regulating and paving Washington Street from Dey to Courtlandt Street.

[54] He also presented returns of delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to John G. Betts the Collector for collecting the same—Viz—for improving Market Street, repaving Orchard Street, repaving Greenwich Street, paving Hudson Street and for regulating North Street.

The Attorney presented the following complaints which had been made to him and which were referred to the Committee on public Offices: viz—against John Ellis for selling liquor without licence: against Messrs Hitchcocks several complaints for not sweeping and cleaning the Streets: against Margaret Scarsline for using Scale beams not agreeable to standard: against Daniel Ensly, James Heaton and Hippolite Barrère for keeping their gardens open on Sunday and against Thomas Burling for leaving a dead horse in the Street.

[55] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances which were passed:

1	Sam^l Goodrich P. Jacobs	Own. Occ.	Essex c. Grand St.	a Lot
2	Elias Randall	Own.	Allen Street.	do.
3	W^m Arden	Own & Occ.	do.	do
4	James & Pittman	Own.	do.	do
5	J. R. Livingston	Own.	Little Water c. Anthony	do.
6	Edmond Kirby	Own.	Leonard St.	do.
7	H. Smith	Own.	Bleecker c. Green	do.
8	Jas. C. Roosevelt	Exec.	Grand Street	do.
9	Mrs. Beekman	Own.	Allen c. Grand	do.
10	G. Lorillard Hamilton & Latham	Own. Les	Orange St.	do.
11	Mrs. Abeel Leonard Bleecker,	Own. Agt.	Crosby St.	do.
12	R. M. Livingston	Own.	Chapel St.	do.
13	Robt. Lenox	Own.	Ludlow St.	do.
14	Rector, Church Wardens &c. of Trinity Church		Varick St.	do.
15	A. L. Stewart	Own.	do.	do.

16	A. L. Stewart	Own.	Varick St.	a Lot
17	[56] H. Overing J. Bronson	Own. Occ.	344 Water St.	a privy
18	S. Thorn J. Stewart	Own. Occ.	341 do.	do.
19	Mr. Jennings R. Holmes	Agt. Occ.	331 do.	do.
20	Mr. Jennings Lean & Lynch	Agt. Occ.	325 do.	do.
21	A. McDonald J. McGaviston	Agt. Occ.	117 Cherry St.	do.
22	J. R. Livingston S. Reeves	Own. Occ.	387 do.	do.
23	Josh. Worlds	Own. & Occ.	11 Henry St.	do.
24	P. Place P. Carl	Own. Occ.	13 do.	do.
25	Andrew Paff J. Woolsey	Own. Occ.	92 Bayard St.	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Counsel presented a Lease to William King for the Lot & Dwelling house No. 265 William Street—which was di- [57] rected to be duly executed.

The Comptroller presented a list of balances due the 1st of May last amounting to $23,463 16/100 which was referred to the Finance Committee.

He also presented a Bond to the Mechanics' Bank for money borrowed. Whereupon Resolved that the Mayor affix his signature to such bonds for money borrowed under the resolution of the 6th of September last not exceeding in amount $51,000. as the Chairman of the Committee of Finance shall present to him.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Communication of the Chief Engineer respecting an Engine house for No. 31, Reported:

"That your Committee concur with the Chief Engineer in his recommendation that the ground be accepted and a suitable building erected for Engine No. 31 and respectfully offer the following resolutions:

[58]" Resolved that this Board accept the ground offered by the Methodist Society for the purpose of erecting an Engine house thereon.

" Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be and he is hereby directed to erect a wooden house on the said ground for engine No. 31."

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" Hermanus Tallman

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The market Committee, on the petition of John H. Tier, reported the following resolution licensing him for Stall No. 5 Grand Street Market:

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

(signed) H. Tallman
" L. Kip
" J. Hone
" J. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[59] The same Committee, on the petition of George Paff, reported the following resolution:

" Resolved that George Paff be licensed for Stall No. 2 in the Essex Market in Grand Street."

(signed) H. Tallman
" L. Kip
" J. Hone
" J. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of Henry Hammond, reported—That they have examined the said Henry Hammond and the present holder of Stall No. 3 Spring Street Market under oath and they do declare that no money has been paid or [is] to be paid by either of them or either of their agents in relation to the said Stall. They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that Henry Hammond be licensed for Stall No. 3 in [60] Spring Street Market."

(signed) H. Tallman
" J. J. Westervelt
" L. Kip
" J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee, on the petition of Elizabeth Gardner & Mary Doane, reported—That the request of the petitioners ought to be granted. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that Mary Doane and Elizabeth Gardner the above petitioners be permitted to continue their buildings on Harman Street to the first day of May next and no longer."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[61] The Street Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Street Commissioner respecting a house standing in Broadway, reported:

" That they have duly considered the subject and are decidedly of opinion that said house ought to be removed. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the house No. 585 situate on the westerly side of Broadway between Houston and Bleecker Streets and which now encroaches on the Street be removed therefrom on or before the 1st day of June next."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[62] The same Committee, on the petition for paving Sullivan Street, reported the following resolution:

"Resolved that Sullivan Street be paved from the pavement at Broome Street to the Southerly side of Watts Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" A. Mann
" S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved & the Resolution adopted. The Street Commissioner immediately presented an ordinance agreeably thereto which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brow*n*[er] and Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Robert P. Denike for a stand in Duane Street Market, reported the following:

[63] "Resolved that Robert Palmer Denike, be licensed as a Butcher for Duane Street Market."

(signed) H. Tallman
" L. Kip
" J. Hone
" J. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on petition of Nathaniel Nott, reported the following:

"Resolved that Nathaniel Nott be licensed for Stall No. 6 in the market at the foot of Grand Street."

Also on the petition of William J. Deforest they reported the following:

"Resolved that William J. Deforest be licensed for Stall No. 7 in Spring Street Market."

Both of which were approved and the resolutions proposed adopted.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs [64] cause the small wooden building in the rear of the Old Alms' house to be removed.

Resolved that the Counsel be directed to report an ordinance to prohibit the using of any private drain or Sewer leading into any of the public Common Sewers into this City for the purpose of carrying off the contents of privies or Water Closets.

The following was presented and referred to the Lamp Committee:

"Resolved that the Committee on Lamps be authorised to discontinue the lighting of the lamps on the First Avenue above Street."

On motion the Board proceeded to elect a person to fill the office of Resident Physician to the Alms' House. Mr. Recorder mentioned Dr. Egerton [65] Winthrop as a Candidate for that office.

The petition of Dr. Belden was called up and read with the accompanying recommendations. Upon counting the ballots it appeared Dr. Belden was chosen, and he was therefore declared duly appointed to the Office of Resident Physician of the Alms' House.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury Sept. 20	\$31.38
Reced for Mayoralty fees	75.50
" Intestate Estates	360.29
" Commutation Aliens	2637.

Reced for Arrears of Tax	800.	
" 6th Avenue	300.	
" Streets	3340.37	7544.54

Accounts Audited.

Pierre C. Van Wyck—on acct fees as District Attorney—Warrant passed 20th Sept	500.	
Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
do. do. extra	194.25	
[66] Hibberd & Clark—Watch 2d dist	707.	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.	
Jonathan Pinckney City Intendant & St. Inspector to 1st inst	103.33	
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	54.	
Abm Ackerman—St. Inspector 10 days 1st inst	20.	
Jonathn Weeden—late St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	52.	
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	52.	
Obadh Ayres Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1st inst	52.	
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers—1 mo. 1st inst	60.	
Danl H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field 1 mo. 1st inst	45.	
Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park 1 mo. 1st inst	45.	
Edward Fenno—services in examining accts. of late Treasurer	200.	
[67] Leond Kip Esqr. 11 Casks Oil bought of. C. B. Hussey	346.76	
G. Snethen—Supg & lighting lamps 1 mo. 1st instant	878.50	
Hen. D. Sedgwick—Attorney for Chapin Ward—remaining moiety of Intestate estate of Geo. Ward	127.33	
Chs. Mooney—on act paving Bowery from Grand to Broome St	350.	
Abm Stagg on acct regulat. & paving Grand St	300.	
Thos. Lovett—on act paving Greenwich Street	200.	
Chs. Mooney on act repaving Division Street	150.	
William Ogilvie—Award for Bancker Street	230.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of repairs for repairg piers & bulkheads	1320.	7542.92
	Balance	$1.62

Adjourned to meet this day fortnight.

[68] In Common Council Oct. 18. 1819

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thos. Bolton
E. W. King	Saml Stevens
Leonard Kip	Herm. Tallman
J. P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
Jno. Morss	J. J. Westervelt
Robt. McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	S. P. Brittain
J. B. Taylor	D. Board
Geo. B. Thorp	W. A. Davis
Steph. Allen	Judah Hammond

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Memorial was presented from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the undue and unequal assessment of the Commissioners of Assessment in relation to the expences of the [69] Canal in Canal Street—which was read and referred to Aldermen Hone—Mann—King—Taylor and Anthony.

A petition of Peter McCartee, Auctioneer, for permission to sell goods at auction in the Street in Broadway in front of the house to which he has removed during the prevalence of the late epidemic—and of Oliver Dodge to be permitted to sell in front of the corner of Fulton & Water Streets—were read & referred to the Street Committee with authority to grant the prayers of petitioners.

A petition of George Peterson for relief from judgment recovered against him for discharging a gun in the City contrary to law was read and resolved that the Attorney discharge petitioner from Suit without costs.

A petition of Edward McLaughlin, Excise Officer in the City & County of New York, praying some additional compensation for his services was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[70] A petition from John Lee for a Stall in Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from John Van Arsdale & J. N. Johnson, Inspectors of Firewood, 5th District praying an alteration of the limits of said district was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the 2d & 4th Wards with authority to make the alteration if they deem it advisable.

A petition of Benjamin Watson, Register of Dogs, that his account might be referred to a Committee for Settlement accompanied with a statement of his account was read & referred to the Police Committee.

Petitions were received from Ebenezer S. Blatchley & Cornelius C. Blatchley for relief from taxes assessed on them in lieu of Military services, they not being liable to the same. Which were referred to the Com- [71] mittee on Assessments.

A petition of John Jackson praying remuneration for services rendered in Mayor's Office while the Tavern Licences were issued was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Eber Wheaton praying relief from an assessment laid upon a Tenement erected by him for a School House and used as such, was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition was received from Benjamin P. Benson stating that he is proprietor of a Mill near Harlaem, that by the 3d Avenue crossing the Stream over which his Mill-dam is built his mill is deprived of water & praying permission to erect his floodgates inside of the Bridge of the 3d Avenue—which being read was referred to the Road Committee.

A petition was received from Nicoll & Augustus Floyd as agents for certain heirs of George Clinton [72] deceased, praying that no forfeiture may be incurred by non-compliance with an Ordinance of the Corporation passed 17th May last directing the building of a bulkhead along the west of West Street by the said heirs as owners of certain lots fronting on West Street and praying an extension of the time for complying with said Ordinance—which being read was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition was received from Isaac F. Coutant, Sexton of Trinity Church, praying remission of fine incurred by interring a corpse in the Grave yard of said Church at a less depth than 6 feet as by law directed, which was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from Stephen Baker and Charles W. Sandford for remission of a penalty incurred by non-compliance with an Ordinance respecting filling in certain lots on Canal St. was read and referred to the City Inspector.

[73] A petition was received from John Grant stating that he is owner of property running from Water Street to Front Street on the west side of Peck Slip: that by order of the Corporation a Wharf was built along the West Side of Peck Slip extending from Water Street to near the South side of Front Street; that said Wharf was made on the Water right of petitioner; that petitioner had previously

thereto erected a Wharf in front of the property of Dunlap & Grant which with the wharf so built by the Corporation forms a small Slip or Basin; that the Corporation have always received the Wharfage of the East side of said Slip, and that petitioner has been called upon to make repairs upon said Wharf, and praying relief—which was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Remonstrance from Mary McKennon against the proposed improvement of widening Gold Street was read and laid on the Table to be considered upon the coming in of the Report of the Committee on that subject.

[74] A petition for a Well & Pump in Franklin Street near Broadway and for one at the corner of Walnut & Lombardy Streets was read and referred to the Aldermen & Assistants of the Wards & Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A remonstrance against the permission granted to the Church of United Christian Friends to construct Vaults for the Interment of the Dead in Augustus Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee, the Alderman & Assistant of 6th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A petition of Hannah Day to be exempted from payment of any Assessment for the contemplated filling in & regulating of Washington and Dey Streets and to be reimbursed for expences incurred by said measure, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Patrick Gartlan for remission of fine incurred by using Weights not sealed [75] by the Sealer of Weights & Measures, was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Joseph Rogers for relief from penalties incurred by him in relation to some dead Animal burned by him and also for driving a Cart without being numbered, was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to remit the penalties.

A petition of John J. Westervelt for permission to build a Brick Cistern in the Street in front of No. 53 North Moore Street, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward & St. Commissioner.

A petition of George Betts for payment of services in suits of the Corporation, where Corporation have been nonsuited or discontinued was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

Petitions were received from Captain Rivry of the French Ship L'Ehre and Captain Lewis of the Schooner Hope stating that they have [76] brought alien passengers in their vessels and that having no consignees they are unable to procure Sureties in a Bond for them & praying they may be permitted to commute for them on the terms prescribed by the Resolution of the Common Council. Whereupon resolved that it be recommended to his Honor the Mayor to direct that Commutations for the said Alien passengers be received, and it was resolved that the consideration of the subject of permitting Commutation be referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Christian Brown and of Samuel Buckbee for appointment as Assistants to the Watch of the 2^d District were read & referred to the Watch Committee.

A remonstrance from the Inhabitants residing in Ludlow Street between Grand & Broome Sts. against paving the same was referred to the St. Committee.

A petition of Philip Hone to be permitted [77] to erect certain wooden buildings at the foot of Barclay Street for the accommodation of Hoboken Ferry was read & referred to the Ferry Committee with authority to grant the request of petitioner.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants that the Exchange Slip may be filled up on a line with South St. was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from the Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Horse Market, complaining of it as a great inconvenience & praying that it may be removed was referred to the St. Committee.

A Memorial was received from the Inspectors of Bread representing that the present Assize of Bread was established some years since at the request of the Bakers in consequence of the high price of fuel &c. that an increase of profit of $^{75}/_{100}$ on the barrel was allowed which made the whole profit on the barrel $4.25 cents: that in their opinion circumstances justify a reduction of the profit so as to allow them a [78] profit of $3. and recommending the same.

A communication from John Fleming, the City Chamberlain, accompanied said Memorial wherein he expressed his opinion that the proposed reduction was necessary.

Which being read it was referred to the Counsel to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

A petition that Elm Street be paved from Grand to Broome Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A Remonstrance from Peter Lorillard against the Assessment for the Sewer in Canal Street was read and referred to the Special Committee appointed this evening on that subject.

A Memorial from sundry persons engaged in the transportation of Hay to the City stating the want of room for their vessels at Duane Slip & praying that the exclusive use of Pier No. 29 Duane Street may be given to them was referred to the Committee [79] on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition that Cedar Street may be repaved between Broadway & Nassau Street was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from George Ireland to be permitted to construct a vault at No. 14 Jay Street & a similar petition of G. L. Theriott for a Vault at No. 10 Murray Street were granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

" Fire Engine Company No. 5."

Adam Spier—Accountant—65 Nassau St. 2d Ward vice John A. Hicks—resigned.

No. 18.

Oliver T. Hewlett, Merchant 258 Pearl St. 2d Ward vice Leonard W. Lawrence—Resigned

No. 32.

Elias Mills—Cartman—Cannon n. Delancey 10th Ward [80] vice Wm Romaine, removed

No. 40.

Stephen Frost—Shoemaker—167 Bowery 8th ward vice Oliver Edwards—resigned

Manley Wells—Carpenter—222 Bowery 8 Ward vice Henry H. Traver—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Burton near Bedford Street which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed: for regulating Amity Street from Broadway to John Ireland's Line and N. Jarvis was appointed Collector: for paving the Bowery from Broome to North Street and for a well & pump in Henry near Catharine Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each: for paving Warren Street from Washington Street to the Bulkhead, for paving Desbrosses Street from [81] Greenwich to Washington Street & for paving Chamber Street to Washinngton Street and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for building a Sewer in Canal Street, which was directed to be referred to the Special Committee appointed this evening on the Remonstrance against said Assessment.

The City Inspector presented several Ordinances for filling in sundry lots which were passed. Those directed to John Jay, Peter Jay Munro, and Dominick Lynch for lots on Canal Street were extended for completing the same to the first of March next.

The Attorney presented the following complaints which had been made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices—Viz—against George Henderson for using a small Tail board to his cart: against James Turman for taking improper quantities of water from one of the public pumps: against Daniel Marsh, Butcher, [82] for using a Scale in weighing meat not conformable to Law; against Peter Crawbuck for selling meat in the Street and against the Widow Small for not having her weights regulated.

The Counsel presented for execution Certificates of Sale of the following property sold for Assessments, in pursuance of the Statute, by the Street Commissioner on the 3d and 10th of August last past: Viz.

" All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the 7th Ward of said City, bounded westerly in front by Montgomery Street, Northerly by a line drawn parallel to and at the distance of 88 feet Southerly from the former southerly side of Lombardy Street, Easterly by a line drawn parallel to and at the distance of 60 feet easterly from Montgomery Street and southerly by a line drawn parallel to & at the distance of 110 feet southerly from the former southerly side of Lombardy Street: [83] sold to William L. Simers on the 10th of August last for 27 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $34.52.

" Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 6th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 650 on Bayard's East Farm, fronting on Grand Street, owner unknown, sold to William T. Lawrence on the 10th of August last for 13 years from 10th Aug. 1821—for $41.87.

" Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 40 on Livingston's Map, fronting on Elizabeth St. owner unknown. Sold to David Wilkins on the 10th of August last for 16 years from Aug. 10. 1821 for $26.85.

" Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York designated as lot No. 129 on Livingston's Map, fronting on Mulberry Street, said to belong to J. M. D. Lawrence. Sold to Andrew Jackson on the 10th of August last for 19 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $31.54.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of [84] the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 247 on Bayard's East Farm, fronting on Elizabeth St. Sold to Thomas Scott on the 10th of Aug. last for 18 years from 10th of August 1821 for $62.

"Also all that certain pi[e]ce or parcel of Land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 248 on Bayard's East Farm, fronting on Elizabeth Street: Sold to Thomas Scott on the 10th of August last for 16 years from 10th Aug. 1821 for $67.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 1229 on Bayard's East Farm fronting on Crosby Street. Sold to Lewis C. Hammersly on the 10th of August last for 14 years from the 10th of Aug. 1821 for $44.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 258 on Bayard's East Farm, fronting on Broome Street. Sold to Andrew [85] Jackson on the 10th of August last for 9 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $45.72.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, being one equal 5th part of a Lot designated as No. 810 on Bayard's East Farm, fronting on Broome Street, owner unknown. Sold to Stephen N. Bayard on the 10th of August last for 16 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $46.90.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 374, fronting on Spring Street, owner unknown. Sold to William T. Lawrence on the 10th of August last for 16 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $64.06.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 234 fronting on Green Street, owner unknown. Sold to William L. Simers on the 10th of August last for 29 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $48.48.

[86] 'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Columbia Street assessed as the property of John B. Clark. Sold to Lewis C. Hammersley on the 10th of August last for 75 years from the 10th of Aug. 1821 for $25.34.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 6th Ward of the City of New York, known and distinguished by No. 24 on Mulberry Street, owner unknown. Sold to Charles Mooney on the 10th of August last for 25 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $37.34.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land, situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 90 on Livingston's Map, fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown. Sold to William L. Simers on the 10th of August last for 35 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $31.22.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel [87] of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated as Lot No. 94 on Livingston's Map, fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown. Sold to Charles Mooney on the 10th of August last for 27 years from the 10th of August 1821 for $31.22.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 138, fronting on Mercer Street, owner unknown. Sold to William L. Simers on the 10th August last for 30 years from the 10th August 1821 for $41.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 139, fronting on Mercer Street, owner unknown. Sold to William L. Simers on the 10th Aug. last for 29 years from 10th Aug. 1821 for $41.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 6th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map [88] of Bayard's East Farm as Lot No. 503, fronting on Pump Street, owner unknown. Sold to William S. Lewis on the 3d day of August last for 14 years from the 3d of August 1821 for $38.49.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, being one equal fifth of a piece or parcel of land designated on a Map of Bayard's East Farm as Lot No. 273 fronting on Orange Street, owner unknown. Sold to Stephen N. Bayard on the 3d of August last for 5 years from 3d Aug. 1821 for $46.61.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown, Assessed for opening Canal Street as the property of Benjamin Wade. Sold to Edward Patterson on the 3d of August last for 27 years from the 3d of August 1821 for $32.92.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th [89] Ward of the City of New York, designated on Livingston's Map as Lot No. 93, fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown. Sold to John Kent on the 3d of August last for 15 years from the 3d of August last for $31.20.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map of Bayard's West Farms as Lot No. 247 fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown. Sold to William L. Simers on the 3d day of August last for 60 years from the 3d day of August 1821 for $48.48.

'Also all that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, designated on a Map of Bayard's West Farm as Lot No. 689 fronting on Wooster Street, owner unknown. Sold to William J. Waldron on the 3d of August last for .... years from the 3d of August 1821 for $56.46.

'Also all those two certain pieces or parcels of land situate lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York designated as Lots [90] Nos. 41 & 42 on Dyckman's Map fronting on Mott Street, owner unknown, assessed for opening Canal Street as the property of Charles Gordon & William Houston. Sold to James Boyle on the 3d of August last for 60 years from 3d August 1821 for $52.76.

'All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying & being in the 8th Ward of the City of New York, being one equal fifth part of a piece of land designated on a map of Bayard's East Farm by No. 244 fronting on Elizabeth Street, owner unknown. Sold to Stephen N. Bayard on the 3d of August last for 20 years from the 3d day of August 1821 for $114.81.

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

Whereupon resolved that the same be executed.

The Counsel also presented to the Board Articles of agreement signed by Henry Rutgers, Catharine Depeyster, Ann Bancker, and William B. Crosby relative to Harman Street, together with the following report:

[91] 'John Beekman who is one of the members of the Rutgers family is now absent and has not signed the agreement. The Counsel however is assured by Mr. Crosby that Mr. Beekman has not any lot under lease on the North side of Harman Street. The agreement provides for the payment of all Assessments for widening Harman Street which may be imposed upon lots leased by them prior to the 1st of January 1813 upon the conditions mentioned in the resolution of the Board. The time fixed in that resolution was the 1st of January 1817. They however decline entering into an agreement to pay any

Assessments excepting upon lots leased prior to the 1st January 1813 and allege as a reason for so doing that they had then determined to widen all their Streets and that very explicit Covenants were introduced into all leases after that term requiring their tenants to pay all Assessments & that their rents were regulated accordingly. The agreement is not signed in behalf of Catharine Hedges for the reasons stated in the report of the Committee.

[92] "The Counsel also herewith submits to the Board a petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in the case of Harman Street for the purpose of having it signed & sealed provided the before mentioned articles of Agreement are satisfactory. As the Supreme Court meets this day it will be necessary in order to save the Court that it should be executed before the next regular meeting of the Board."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

It was moved by Alderman Mann that the Articles of Agreement as reported by the Counsel be accepted and be directed to be duly executed. The question having been taken thereon viva voce by Ayes & Nays, Alderman Mann moved that the question be taken by the members rising.

Those in the Affirmative having risen and having been counted and those in the Negative having also risen & been counted, [93] Alderman Mann then moved that the question be taken by calling the ayes & nays. The Mayor declared that according to the practice of the Board the motion was out of order. Alderman Mann appealed from the opinion of the Chair to the Board, and moved that the ayes & nays be taken. The question being taken on the appeal & those who were of opinion that the direction of the President was right voting in the Affirmative & those of the contrary opinion voting in the negative it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative Ald. Hone King Kip Anthony Morss McQueen Thorp Messrs. Bolton Tallman Crane Westervelt Parker Hammond

Negative Mr. Recorder Ald. Mann Taylor Allen Messrs. Brittain Stevens Board Davis

The question was then taken on Alderman Mann's motion to execute the Articles of Agreement & the Ayes & Noes having been called by Alderman Mann it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

[94] Affirmative Mr. Recorder. Aldermen Anthony Mann Taylor Thorp Allen. Messrs. Bolton Stevens Crane Brittain Board Davis

Negative Ald^{n} Hone King Kip Morss McQueen Messrs. Tallman Westervelt Parker Hammond

It was then ordered that the petition to the Supreme Court be authenticated in the recess of the Board—And also *to* such petitions to the Supreme Court for the opening of such Streets as have been ordered to be opened by the Common Council.

The Counsel, agreeably to order presented an Ordinance relative to Drains & Sewers—which was read & referred to the Law Committee.

The Alderman & Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the Petition of Manuel Joseph, presented the following report: 'That [95] having personally viewed the premises & street where it is proposed to build the Cistern they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that Manuel Joseph be permitted to build a cistern in front of his house No. 8 Bancker Street not to exceed 36 Superficial feet on the usual terms."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" B. Crane
" J. McComb, St. Commr

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee & Alderman & Assistant of the 2d Ward, on the petition for widening Gold Street, Reported:

"That in the opinion of the Committee the request of the petitioners ought to be granted as it would manifestly improve the Street; and inasmuch as there have been no objections thereto after having been duly advertised—Your Committee would therefore offer the fol- [96] lowing resolution:

"Resolved that Gold Street be widened, straightened & improved between Fulton Street & Beekman Streets agreeably to the request of the Petitioners therefor and that the Counsel of this Board take the usual measures to have the same carried into effect."

(signed) E. W. King J. B. Taylor
" S. Stevens Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Lamp Committee, to whom was referred the resolution respecting the discontinuing of a part of the Lamps on the First Avenue, Reported:

"That there are on the 1st Avenue, between 1st and 13th Streets, 27 lamps in which distance there are only 3 or 4 buildings and that the lamps are placed 100 feet apart, the same as in the compact part [97] of the City, which in the opinion of the Committee is unnecessary. They therefore offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Superintendant of Lamps be and is hereby directed to take down & remove ⅔ds. of the lamps from between 1st and 13th Streets on the First Avenue."

(signed) Leonard Kip
" B. Crane

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Joseph Bull for a Stall in Grand Street Market reported the following resolution—" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted." which was agreed to and he was directed to be licensed therefor.

The Street Committee, on the petition for regulating Hubert Street, reported:

" That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

[98] " Resolved that Hubert Street be paved from Greenwich Street to Hudson Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect.

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" J. Morss
" S. Parker
" A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

It was stated by Alderman Taylor that Henry Howard appointed Assessor in the Ordinance for the Sewer to be built in Clarkson & Carmine Streets declined acting. Whereupon his resignation was accepted and John Targee was appointed Assessor in his place.

The Finance Committee, to whom were referred the petitions of Elijah Guion & John Patterson by his Agent John Dennis, reported: " That in consideration of the unfortunate situation of the City & the [99] precedents already adopted in similar cases; your Committee recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the time for payment of the Assessment on the property of Elijah Guion for opening Oliver Street be extended to the 1st day of March 1820; and the time for the payment of the Assessment on the property of John Patterson be extended to the 1st day of February 1820—and that interest be charged on the amount of said Assessments for the time thus allowed."

(signed) S. Allen B. Crane
" J. Hone J. Hammond
" S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller, by direction of the Finance Committee, presented a Bond to the Mechanics' Bank conditioned for the payment of $9000 on the 20th day of October next with interest at 7 per cent & dated the 20th day of October 1819, which was directed to be duly executed.

[100] The following resolution was presented:

" Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation any sum not exceeding Forty thousand dollars and that his Honor the Mayor, on the request of the Comptroller, execute the necessary Bonds for the whole amount or any part of said amount."

It was moved that the Interest be limited to 6 per cent—which was negatived. The resolution was then adopted.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 4th inst	$1.62	
Recd for Streets	4050.	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.	
" Loan of Mechanics' Bank authorized 6th September	9000.	13,151.62

25 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st dist	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	728.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
[101] Anderson & Leak—Watch 1st dist, extra	147.
Jesse Williams—Watchman—Witness at Court	2.
Robert Pettigrew—balance for a Well in Cannon Street	65.71
John Gallagher—on account—Well in Bancker Street	60.72
Robert Pettigrew—on account—Well in Carmine Street	29.75
Hugh Smith—200 loads earth—carted to Dey Street	44.
Hugh Smith—on acct paving Anthony & Little Water Street	400.
John McComb—St. Comr for paving Stones	500.
Chs. Mooney—on acct paving Bowery from Grand to Chatham St	150.
Richd Moran—reprs. to pavement at Oliver St. & Catharine Market	95.85
Chs. Mooney—pavg Division St	350.
Archibald Morrison—Award for Market Street	300.

Washington Benevolent Society—award for Market Street			504.28	
[102] Conrad Metzger—Award for Market Street.........			504.55	
Jno. Johnson	Award	Market St..................	520.63	
Jas. Shields	do.	do.	550.	
Geo. Buckmaster	Bal.	do.	645.	
Widow Carlisle	Award	do.	721.30	
Felix Cunningham	Bal.	do.	787.90	
Wm Boid	Award	do.	1600.64	
Dennis McCarthy	do.	do.	2595.96	
Abm Stagg—on act paving Grand St......................			200.	13,132.54
			Balance	$19. 8

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[103] In Common Council Oct. 25. 1819

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Saml Stevens
Jno. P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
Jno. Morss	Benj. Crane
Robt. McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
J. B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Communication was received from Peter Schemerhorn stating that he held a Bond from the Corporation for $15000 due on the 1st November next at 6 per cent per annum which they may [104] either discharge or renew *the Bond* with interest at 7 per cent per annum. Whereupon resolved that a new Bond be executed to Mr. Schermerhorn with interest at 7 per cent per annum.

A petition from Leicester Carrington was received stating that on the 1st of January last past he enclosed $350. in a Letter to Nathaniel Smith, Post Master at Torringford, Connecticut, and at the same time $50 in a letter to Amzi Tallmadge, Plymouth; that the Mail containing said letters was robbed and the money taken therefrom; that he understands & believes that the persons who committed said robbery have been apprehended by the Police Magistrates of this City and the money recovered & paid over to the City Treasurer; wherefore he prays the same may be paid over to him. Whereupon resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee.

A further petition of Oliver Vanderbilt, [105] requesting his claim to compensation may be referred to Arbitrators was read and leave given to withdraw the petition.

A petition of George Fisher for relief from a fine incurred by occupying the Cross walk in the Street with his Cart was referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Memorial of Ann Rogers praying payment of interest on the sum due to her for ground taken contiguous to the New Alms' house was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Richard P. Hall for appointment as Superintendant of the Hay Scales at Kip's Bay was referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of John Ellis Jr. for remission of penalty for selling liquor without licence was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[106] A petition of Robert Pearsall for relief respecting a Militia fine was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A request of the Managers of the State Lottery for the use of a room in the Basement Story of the Hall for the drawing of the Lottery was referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the request.

A petition from Moses Dodd requesting that he may pay the rent & Assessment due from him to the Corporation by an order on Mr. Haviland Weeks, Contractor for the Canal in Collect Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial of William Hall of Boston in Massachusetts, stating that he has invented a Machine for cleaning and sweeping chimnies & praying the patronage of the Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[107] A petition of Messrs. Cambreleng & Pearson for remission of penalty incurred by the Brig Iris's occupying a station in the Corporation Dock in the North River, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Lewis Valloo was presented stating that he is owner of House No. 56 Harman St. that it would be attended with great inconvenience to remove the same and praying it may be permitted to remain until the final regulation of the Street; which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of David Munson, Lessee under the Corporation of house No. 1 Chatham Square the Lease of which will expire on the first of May next, and praying for the reasons therein stated that the lease may be renewed to him, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Thomas Teats for relief from penalty incurred by not having his Weights regulated [108] by the Sealer of Weights & Measures, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Memorial was received from Sundry Inhabitants in behalf of Isaac Valentine, stating that a Suit had been commenced against him for removing dirt from the Street, which dirt had in fact been left by the Street Contractors until it had become offensive to the neighbourhood and praying the Suit may be discontinued; which was referred to the Committee on public Offices with authority to direct the said suit to be discontinued.

The Attorney reported the following complaints which had been made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Viz—against Captains Howard, Green, Fosdic, Grafton and Davis for lying with their vessels in Burling Slip & interfering with the coasters; also against the Captain of the Ship Atlantic for not [109] obeying an order for removal so as to give a birth to another Vessel.

He also reported that a judgment had been obtained against Jacob Stagg, a porter, for not having his number & rates on his barrow, that said Stagg was poor and had since complied with the law—which was referred to the same Committee.

He also presented a statement of the facts in the case of John Hatfield, a Cartman, and his son—which was directed to be referred to the Committee of Charity.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 16."

Peter Mesalear—Accountant—Market c. Front St. 2^d Ward vice Edwin Curtis—resigned.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances—which [110] were passed—Viz

1.	Ludlow Dashwood	exec^r	South Street	a Lot
2	Mrs. Underhill	Own.	do.	do.
	S. M. Thompson	Agt.		

3	Mrs. H. Murray Jno. R. Murray	Own. Agt.	Canal St.	a Lot
4	J. L. Ogden	Own.	Grand St.	do.
5	J. Leffingwell	Les.	Laurens St.	do
6	Felix Cunningham,	Own. or Les.	98 Henry St.	do.

(signed) Geo. Cuming—C. Inspector.

The City Inspector, on the petition of Baker & Sandford, reported: "That he has examined with attention the lots alluded to and finds that they are now filled in with earth to a level with the adjoining lots. The few lots on which stagnant water rests do not belong to the Memorialists. The owners of these last named lots have been ordinanced to correct the same, which when completed will remove every remaining nuisance, and as the Memorialists, with [111] other proprietors of property there, state that they are in treaty (in order to meet the growing improvements in that quarter) to raise to the necessary height their lots, it is respectfully recommended that the penalty incurred by the Memorialists be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) Geo. Cuming—C. Inspector.

whereupon resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & pump in Franklin Street near Broadway—which was passed & Abraham Baudouine, John Brower & Benjamin Prince were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed: Viz. for a Well & Pump in Bancker Street near Market Street; for paving Essex Street from Grand to Broome Street & Morris De Camp was appointed Collector in each, and for a Well & Pump in Carmine Street near Varick St. and John G. Betts was appointed Collector.

[112] The Comptroller presented a report to the Board stating that there had been paid into the Treasury from the 17th March 1819 to this day for commutation of Alien Passengers $11,819. which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented a Communication on the subject of the opening of Lispenard Street, which was referred to the Street Committee & Counsel.

He also presented for acceptance a Lease from Jedediah Waterman to the Corporation for a house & Lot in Roosevelt Street leased from him by the Committee of the Fire Department and also the counterpart of said Lease. Whereupon said lease was directed to be accepted & the Counterpart executed.

He also, agreeably to order presented " A Law to amend a law " for establishing the Assize & for regulating the Inspection of Bread " —which was passed.

[113] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Comptroller's List of Balances due the Corporation on the 1st day of May last, reported the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to notify all persons who were indebted to the Corporation in any sum of money on the 1st day of May last & which sums are still due & unpaid that unless payment shall be made on or before the 15th day of November next a suit will be commenced for the recovery of the same."

(signed)	S. Allen	B. Crane
"	J. Hone	S. P. Brittain
"	J. Hammond	

which resolution was adopted.

The same Committee, on the subject of Commutation for Alien passengers, reported:

" That they have bestowed on this subject the consideration which its importance merits. They confess, however, that the question presents difficulties on both hands not easily obviated [114] except by the exercise of a sound and well guarded discretion: for if bonding only is permitted you have the risk of failure in the sureties to encounter, and if proper sureties shall be hard to obtain, which is generally the case, a strong inducement is given to evade the law by clandestine landing or the entry of the vessel at some contiguous port when the passengers are thrown upon us unperceived and unsuspected: and on the other hand, if all are permitted to commute an inducement is held out to foreign governments to rid themselves of their paupers at a trifling expence and with little trouble. Your Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the plan heretofore pursued of bonding or commuting according to circumstances is more conducive to the interests of the City than if it was confined to either the one or the other without discretion.

Your Committee do not hesitate to give it as their opinion that so far as Commu- [115] tation has been permitted by his Honor the Mayor no injurious consequences have as yet ensued: for altho' there appears to have been no account kept by the Commissioners of the Alms' house, whereby it may be known what number of those who have commuted has become chargeable on the City, they nevertheless have good reason to conclude that the number is comparatively small & that the amount received has been more than sufficient to bear the expence. Your Committee are of opinion, however, that the price of commutation for each passenger ought to be Five Dollars instead of three as at present, and that, for the purpose of forming a more correct judgment as to the loss or gain by the operation a register should be kept by the Commissioners of the Alms' house shewing the number of each description of Aliens that shall become chargeable on the City. To carry the foregoing suggestions into effect, the Committee propose the following resolutions:

" Resolved that hereafter on the arrival of any vessel at this port with Alien Passengers his Honor the Mayor be. & he is hereby authorized [116] to leave it at the option of the Captain or Consignee of such vessel either to bond in the usual way for securing the City against such aliens becoming chargeable thereon or of paying the sum of Five dollars in lieu of said Bond for each Alien so arriving: Provided, however, if in the opinion of his Honor the Mayor the said option shall in any case operate injurious to the public interest, bonds shall be insisted on with the necessary sureties.

" Resolved that all monies so received be paid to the Chamberlain and be appropriated to the foreign poor and that the Comptroller render quarterly to the Corporation a statement thereof.

" Resolved that the Commissioners of the Alms' house be instructed to register in a Book provided for the purpose all such Aliens as shall become chargeable on the City within two years from their arrival and, as near as may be, the amount of such [117] charge, designating those who have been bonded for from those who have paid the commutation and such other particulars tending to shew the operation of the two systems as to the loss or gain to the City, and that the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to furnish the Commissioners from time to time with such information touching Alien passengers as they may require "

(signed) S. Allen B. Crane
J. Hone S. P. Brittain
J. Hammond

which was approved & the Resolution adopted and the Clerk was directed to publish in the Newspapers the substance of the Resolution.

The same Committee on a petition of John Jackson for remuneration for certain services in the Mayor's Office, reported:

"That they have no knowledge of Mr. Jackson as a public Officer or of his services as such, and if they have not misunderstood the explanation given by his Honor the Mayor [118] on this subject the charge of the petitioner for services rendered is altogether unauthorized. They therefore offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petition be rejected."

(signed) S. Allen B. Crane
" J. Hone S. P. Brittain
" J. Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Edward M^{c}Laughlin, reported:

"That the Salary allowed the petitioner by law is 750 dollars: That Mr. M^c Laughlin has rendered essential services in the execution of his official duty and has increased the revenue several thousand dollars per annum. That so far as the Committee are informed he has given general satisfaction to the public and is esteemed as an honest & faithful Officer.

"Your Committee are aware of the ap- [119] parent impropriety of increasing the Salaries of Officers appointed by the State, while they are compelled to borrow large sums to defray the ordinary demands on the Treasury: they nevertheless submit to the Board whether in the present case a public Officer who by his diligent & unremitted attention to the duties of his office has increased the revenue to a large amount should not receive a pittance sufficient to keep his family from starvation & beggary. The petitioner has a large family to support consisting of 11 souls who in the vicissitudes of life have experienced their full share of sickness & other misfortunes and the Salary he receives is hardly sufficient, as the Committee from their own experience can testify, to supply the common necessaries of life. They have concluded to submit to the Board, therefore, the propriety of granting a temporary relief to the petitioner by allowing him, in addition to his present Salary ½ per cent on the net revenue collected which will be an increase of about 350 dollars per annum and they offer the follow- [120] ing resolution accordingly:

"Resolved that Edward M^{c}Laughlin, the present Commissioner of Excise, be and he is hereby authorized to retain for his own use and benefit 2½ per cent on the net amount, after deducting his salary and expences, of the revenue received by him as Commissioner of Excise during the present year."

(signed) S. Allen B. Crane
" J. Hone. S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of George Betts, presented a report, which was read & laid on the Table. The subject of the account and demand of said George Betts was referred to the Attorney with directions to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, to whom was referred the petition [121] of John Grant presented a *report, which being read, it was moved to add to the resolution

" Provided said J. Grant relinquish any right or claim which he
" may have to Wharfage for vessels lying on the west side of said Slip."

which was agreed to & the Resolution thus amended was adopted. (For report see page 150.)

The same Committee, on the petition in behalf of the heirs of George Clinton deceased, reported:

" That the principal reasons offered by the petitioners are that one of the heirs is a Minor; that his guardian has no authority to expend his money for the purposes mentioned, and that therefore application must be made to the Chancellor for the necessary powers and time is requested for that purpose.

" The Committee are of opinion that the reasons offered by the petitioners are satisfactory and that an extension of time ought to be allowed them to comply with the ordinance alluded to, and they propose the following resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the time limited by the [122] Ordinance for completing West Street in front of the property of the Heirs of the late George Clinton be extended to the 1st day of April 1820."

(signed) S. Allen A. Mann
" S. Stevens

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for filling in Exchange Slip, reported:

" That the said Slip is of very small dimensions and, as they are informed and believe, is of little or no use to the public but like many

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* Marginal note reads *see page 150.*—ED.

Slips on the Eastern shore of this City is the receptacle of a great deal of filth and putrescent matter which when exposed to the rays of a summer sun is offensive to the senses as well as injurious to the health of the neighbourhood. The Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted: but as that part of the City is much fre- [123] quented by vessels with the produce of the country during the fall months and as the extending of the Sewer cannot be executed during the prevalence of frost it has been judged expedient by your Committee to defer the execution of the said work till next spring, and they propose the following resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for extending the Sewer in Broad Street from its present termination to the most easterly side of South Street, for sinking a Bulkhead at the mouth of Exchange Slip in a line with South Street and for filling up said Slip with good and wholesome earth and for completing the same on or before the 1st day of June 1820."

Respectfully submitted.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Asa Mann
" Samuel Stevens

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

[124] The Street Committee, on the petition for repaving Cedar Street, reported:

" That on examination of the pavement in Cedar Street they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: For which purpose they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the pavement in Cedar Street between Broadway & Nassau Street be taken up and relaid and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance to that effect."

(signed) J. B. Taylor S. P. Brittain
" A. Mann S. Parker
" John Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Elm Street, reported:

" That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. They therefore beg leave to present the [125] following resolution:

" Resolved that Elm Street between Grand and Broome Streets be regulated and paved and that an Ordinance be prepared for that purpose."

(signed) J. B. Taylor S. P. Brittain
" Asa Mann S. Parker
" John Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Isaac Coutant, Reported:

"That they are satisfied that Mr. Coutant was ignorant of and had not any intention of violating any ordinance of this Corporation in the act referred to and they feel confident that the petitioner will hereafter act strictly in conformity with the ordinance above mentioned. The Committee think he ought to be relieved and they recommend the following resolution: Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on payment of costs."

(signed) J. Bolton: S. Allen: G. B. Thorp: S. Stevens.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[126] The same Committee, on the petitions of John C. Teale, Jacob Jackson, John Whittehar, Patrick Monaghan & Joseph Madden, reported:

"That the above petitions respectively have been considered by the Committee and in relation to the two first named petitioners judgment has been regularly given against them for violating the ordinance of the Board concerning Dogs.

"John Whittehar has been sued for driving a Hack without being licensed, and Patrick Monaghan has had judgment given against him for selling liquor on the Sabbath day.

"Nothing has appeared in either of those cases which could induce your Committee to recommend the interference of this Board. They think the penalties ought to be enforced.

"In relation to the case of Mr. Madden who was also prosecuted for a violation of the Ordinance concerning dogs, very [127] great doubts exist in the minds of your Committee whether any violation or evasion of the Ordinance was intended and they are of opinion that the penalty ought not to be collected. They beg leave to recommend the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the prayers of the respective petitions of John C. Teale, Jacob Jackson, John Whitteher & Patrick Monaghan ought not to be granted.

"Resolved that the prayer of the petition of Joseph Madden be granted on payment of costs."

(signed) T. Bolton S. Allen
" G. B. Thorp S. Stevens

which was approved & the resolutions adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Jacob Hays, High Constable, reported:

"That they have had Mr. Hays' petition under consideration for some considerable time and they feel great pleasure in saying that the result of their enquiries has been very favorable to Mr. Hays a[s] a public [128] Officer. From official documents laid before your Committee and which they have annexed to this Report it appears that Mr. Hays does not receive any emolument whatever for his services as High Constable, altho' the duties of that appointment occupy a very considerable portion of his time and almost entirely prevent him from attending to any other business for a livelihood.

"The following statement will give a concise and, as your Committee believe, a full and correct view of Mr. Hays' yearly income and of the sources from whence the same is derived.

He receives for attending Court the same compensation as any other Constable or Marshall	$293.25
For services as a Deputy Sheriff	250.
For services in the Police Office	50.
	$593.25

"From the foregoing it will appear that Mr. Hays' yearly receipts do not [129] exceed the sum of 600 dollars: that less than one half of that amount is derived from his attendance on the Courts, and that no compensation is allowed him for his services as High Constable.

"After a careful view of the matters above stated your Committee are of opinion that the public are indebted to Mr. Hays for his services as High Constable & they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of Mr. Jacob Hays for 400 dollars as a compensation for his past services as High Constable to be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

(signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Sam^{l} Stevens

which was approved, the Resolution adopted and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

[130] Resolved that on granting Bills of Health by the Mayor to Vessels or to persons, the fee for the Seal of Mayoralty be reduced to One Dollar.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 18th inst	19.08	
Recd for Rents	2758.51	
" Commutation Alien passengers	1095.	
" Streets	700.	
" Arrears of Tax	600.	
" Wells & Pumps	198.81	
" Mayoralty fees	117.75	
" Excise	110.	
" Common Lands	56.44	
Bond Mechanics' Bank authorised 18th inst	40,000.	45,655.59

48 Accounts Audited.

J. McComb—St. Comr 1 qr's Sal. 12th inst	500.
Andw Van Orden—Keeper Battery 1 mo. 19th inst	45.06
Jno. Vanderbilt—Coroner's fees—1 qr. 1st inst	515.78
Danl J. Ebbets—Census 1st Ward 1819	180.
Hen. W. Peckwell do. 2d do.	150.
Francis V. Many do. 3d do.	150.
[131] Geo. B. Smith do. 4th do.	180.
Abm Ackerman do. 5th do.	200.
Jno. Coffin do. 6th do.	200.
Morris Oakley do. 7th do.	200.
Henry Howard do. 8th do.	200.
Jno. Doughty do. 9th do.	200.
Ezra Frost do. 10th do.	200.
J. Morton—Index 38th Vol. Minutes & sundry expences pd	107.
Saml R. Romaine—Completg Tax books for 1819	350.
O. Edwards—25 Certificates—Sale of lots for Assessments	100.
Editor Evening Post—6 mo. Subscripn 6th inst	75.
Commercial Advertiser do. 1st inst	75.
Editor Columbian do. do.	75.
Danl H. Magee—removing 131 Skeletons from 4th St	75.
Pet. Schermerhorn—rent ground for Engine, 1 year 1st Sept.	75.
Jno. Vanderpool—painting Engine No. 5	20.
L. Kip Esqr. 22 Casks Oil—bought of M. Crosby	1485.75
Robert Provoost. repairg lamps in September	45.32
S. McCormick, J. Flood & Wm Peters—officers attending Register of Dogs 32 days	96.
Silas Lord, Int. on 4 Bonds, 1 year 18th inst	590.63
G. A. Kuypers—Int. on Bond—1 year, 16th inst	210.
Jno. Gallagher—bal. Well in Henry St	55.68

Mrs. Rogers—Award for ground to enlarge Alms' house Est.	13,090.	
[132] Geo. Lovett—bal. making Reef at Battery	2722.08	
Jno. Beeker do. do. do.	1293.63	
Arthur Quin, on acct filling Basin King St	2000.	
Thos. Barnum, inspectg Wharves & piers to 18th inst	48.	
Heirs of M. McLaughlin—Award Oliver St	7901.	
Pet. Debaum—on act regg McDougall St	2500.	
Pinkerton & Forgye, on act pavg Broad Way	1100.	
Heny Cochrane, do. do. Hudson St.	700.	
Jno. Barley do. do. Varick St.	400.	
Thos. Lovett do. do. Greenwich St.	400.	
Hugh Smith do. regg Grand St	200.	
Pinkerton & Forgye do. pavg Hammond St	150.	
Philip Shaumberg—Award Market St	366.74	
Abm Baudouine & Associates, makg sundry Assessts	345.	
Editor National Advocate—Advertisg Assessments	118.12	
LeGrand Jarvis, makg Survey & List for regg & paving Grand St. from Broadway to Bowery	98.50	
J. P. Roome—Supert of Repairs, for repairs	1200.	
do. do. repairg Bulkheads	436.	
R. Furman—Superintendt of Alms' house	4200.	
	Balance	$30.30

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[133] In Common Council November 1, 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Hermanus Tallman
Leonard Kip	Benjamin Crane
John P. Anthony	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Steph. P. Brittain
Robert McQueen	David Board
Asa Mann	William A. Davis
Jacob B. Taylor	Judah Hammond
George B. Thorp	
Stephen Allen	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Report from the Keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell & the Calendar of persons confined in said prison—which was read & ordered to be filed.

[134] A Complaint from a number of Inhabitants residing in Mulberry and Broome Streets against a Slaughter-house occupied by William M^cCready in Mulberry Street was read and referred to the City Inspector.

An Account was presented by Judah Hammond Esqr. late Public Administrator, exhibiting the balance advertised in March 1819 to be paid to the Mayor, Aldermen &c. with sums received on them and amount of balance paid over by him to the City Treasurer amounting to $\$491.^{64}/_{100}$ which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from J. Lamb, proposing to have a voluntary Concert of Music from the professional Musicians in the City for the benefit of the poor who left the City during the late Epidemic, was read and referred to the Committee of the Board [135] of Health appointed for taking care of the poor who were removed and of which Alderman Morss is Chairman.

A petition of John Beattie, Catharine Grim and David Grim in relation to 25 feet reserved on Lot No. 1. belonging to the former estate of John Dykeman deceased, bounded on the east by Bowery Lane, part sold to a Mr. Smyth. and also 25 feet on said lot, part sold to Mr. Alexander, which property has been taken possession of, and praying the interference of the Board, was read & referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial of David Grim, stating that a Well of fine water once existed at the intersection of Wall and William Streets, and proposing to open the same and have two Suction Pumps therefrom, one in Wall Street & the other in William Street, was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A petition of John Schrouder for an appointment [136] to some Office; of William Bryant & Peter R. Pearsall for the office of Measurer of grain and of Michael Cook for office of Wood Inspector were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A resignation of William Crafts of the Office of Measurer of grain was read & accepted.

A petition of Susannah Boggs, whose husband Paul Boggs died during the late Epidemic, praying pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' house.

A petition of Maria Whaites for further time for paying an Assessment for paving the Bowery, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of George Limbert for remission of fine incurred by firing a gun in the High- [137] way, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Michael Fash for further time for payment of an Assessment for widening Oliver Street, was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer.

A petition of Henry Eckford and others, owners of land on Manhattan Island, praying Avenue ' D ' may be filled and regulated as far as the Market Square in the Tenth Ward, was referred to the Road Committee.

A petition of Charles Watts, Lessee of Weehawk Ferry, praying that permission may be granted to him for the Weehawk Ferry Boats to land at Washington Market, was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A petition of Caulfield and Toole, merchants, for remission of fine incurred under law respecting Weights & Measures—was referred to the Committee on Public Offices. A similar petition from [138] Richard Kerby was read and referred to the same Committee.

A petition of sundry Fishermen who attend at the Washington Market praying that a place may be assigned them where they may keep their Fish cars and that they may have the privilege of a Boat stationed there—to which said cars may be fastened was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Francis Pasman for Stall No 10 Spring Street Market was referred to the Market Committee.

A memorial of Stagg & Co. and Haines & Hunter remonstrating against the Assessment for the Street between Fulton & Dey Streets, a mistake having been made by the Assessors thereon, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[139] A Memorial from sundry Inhabitants stating that the docks at Lent's Basin, Coenties Slip and the Battery were out of order and required repairs, was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Memorial of Richard Lough, proposing to contract for lighting the City with Gas, was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A petition for a pump at the corner of Broome and Clark Streets was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 12.

Samuel Day—Currier—44 Oak St. 4th Ward—vice William Clapp resigned

Samuel Van Dune—Brush maker—81 Division—7 Ward vice Joshua Dennis—resigned.

[140] No. 15.

Isaac V. Shoemaker—Cordwainer—57 Hester St. 6 wd vice Daniel Martin—resigned

Thomas Kennedy—window blind maker—13 Catharine 7th Ward vice Albert Vanderhoff—removed.

The Attorney reported a petition from Abraham Stagg whose case had been referred to the Committee on Public Offices to whom this report was also referred.

He also reported complaints against Mary Ackerman and Mrs. Coles Market women of the Fly Market for using unlawful measures—which was referred to the same Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on Assessments for making a road through the Eighth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the Bloomingdale Road and for making a road through the 9th Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 28th Street:

[141] Whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Lombardy Street between Walnut and Corlaer Streets—which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Assessments for paving Washington Street from Cedar to Carlisle Street & for repaving Greenwich Street from Cedar Street to 17 feet 8 inches South of Albany Street—which were confirmed and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

The City Inspector presented ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances: Viz

1	Isaac Wigham	Own	Grand St.	A Lot
2	Wm B. Pollock	Les. & Occ	23 Jay St.	A privy
3	Wm L. Simers N. Moore	Own. Occ.	199 Orange St.	do.

(signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspr

which were passed.

[142] The Street Committee, on the petition of Lewis Valloo, reported the following resolution:

" Resolved that Lewis Valloo be permitted to occupy the house on the Southwest corner of Harman and Market Streets until the 1st day of May next—Provided the said Valloo pay the expence for paving Market Street to the one half the width thereof from the old to the contemplated line of Harman Street."

(signed) J. B. Taylor A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain. S. Parker
" J. Morss

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for the removal of the Horse Market, reported:

" That in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and they accordingly offer the following:

" Resolved that the market for the sale [143] of horses be removed to that space of ground comprehended between Spring and Canal Streets and Wooster and Thompson Streets."

(signed) J. B. Taylor A. Mann
" S. P. Brittain S. Parker
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Alexander Anthony, reported the following:

" Resolved that Stall No. 29 Fly Market be granted to said petitioner."

(signed) H. Tallman L. Kip
" S. Allen J. Hone

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Henry Lyon, reported the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

(signed) H. Tallman L. Kip
" S. Allen J. Hone

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[144] The same Committee, on the petition of John Lee, reported the following:

" Resolved that Stall No. 4 Grand Street Market be granted to the said petitioner "

(signed) H. Tallman L. Kip
" S. Allen J. Hone

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the draught of an Ordinance relative to Drains and Sewers for the purpose of amendment, reported the draught of an Ordinance which was read by paragraphs and passed by the title of ' A Law relative to Drains & Sewers."

Upon a representation of the Counsel that a mistake had occurred in the Certificate of Sale ordered at the last meeting to issue to William L. Simers and that the word ' Mott ' in the last line of the description of the premises should [145] have been ' Wooster,' it was ordered that the word ' Mott ' be stricken out and the word ' Wooster ' inserted in place thereof and that the deed be re-executed with such amendment.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Charles Watts, reported:

" That they have sufficiently considered the said petition and are of opinion that the prayer thereof cannot be granted without doing a manifest injustice to the lessee of the Hoboken Ferry nor without a violation of the faith of the Common Council who have granted all their rights of ferriage to him of a certain district on the north side of the City which the petitioner is desirous the Common Council will permit him to invade. Your Committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

" Resolved that this Common Council cannot consistently with former grants extend the bounds of the petitioner's lease and that therefore he have leave to withdraw his [146] petition."

(signed) E. W. King: J. P. Anthony
" Asa Mann.

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications, on the petition of Robert Thorburn, reported the following Resolution:

" Resolved that Robert Thorburn be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain of the City of New York."

(signed) D. Board: W. A. Davis

which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

The same Committee, on petition of Jacob Brinckerhoff, reported the following:

" Resolved that Jacob Brinckerhoff be and he is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain." (signed) D. Board: W. A. Davis

which was approved, the Resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

[147] Alderman Allen, from the Committee on that subject, reported that the piece of plate directed to be executed and presented to the family of the late Captain James Lawrence was completed. Whereupon the Finance Committee were requested to take order for presenting the same in the name of this Corporation to Mrs. Lawrence the Widow of the late Capt. Lawrence.

The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be requested to prepare and present an Ordinance to prevent the running at large of hogs in the Streets of the City South of

The following was presented and agreed to:

" Resolved that the Committee of Laws and the Counsel of the Board be instructed to revise the laws and Ordinances of this Board and to submit the same in the order of the printed Copy to this Board for their approbation.

[148] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 25 Oct	$30.30	
Received for Streets	4900.	
" " 4th Street	600.	
" " Wells & Pumps	75.	5605.30

18 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st dist	1289.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	731.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspr One month 1st inst	62.
Jonathan Pinkney—St. Inspr One month. 1st inst	62.
Abraham Ackerman—St. Inspr One month 1st inst	62.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspectr One month 1st inst	52.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspr One month 1st inst	52.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers One month 1st inst	60.
Danl H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field One month 1st inst	46.50
[149] Obadh Ayres—Asst City Inspector removing Nuisances 3 mo. 1st inst	43.
Danl Biggs—Work at Lamps 3 months 1st November	48.62
Chs. Mooney—on acct pavg Bowery from Broome to North Street	600.

Thos. Lovett—pav^{g} Greenwich St. from Watts to Spring St. on ac^{t}	600.	
Jno. Targee & Associates—making sundry Assessments	372.	
John William on account regulating 4th Street	600.	
John Gallagher—balance for a Well in Bancker Street	60.72	
Bertram P. Cruger—Award for ground taken for New Alms' house Establishment	400.	5604.09
	Balance	$1.21

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[150] *Report of the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips on Pet. of John Grant

(omitted to be entered Oct. 25. see page 120.)

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, to whom was referred the petition of John Grant, praying that he may be released from keeping the Wharf on the west side of Pike Slip in repair, Report:

"That the petitioner owns a front on Water Street of 126 feet and holds a grant from the Corporation for the ground under water in front of his property extending 200 feet in the East River to Front Street: That he is bound by said grant when the lots shall be filled up to make and keep in repair a street of 24 feet wide on the easterly side of his property adjoining Charlotte, now Pike Slip: That for reasons unknown by your Committee a pier has been sunk by the agents of the Corporation about 7 feet west of the line of said Slip, which [151] occupies between 30 and 40 feet of the water right of the petitioner and is within 35 feet of the Wharf originally built by Dunlap and Grant.

The petitioner therefore complains, and in the opinion of your Committee very justly, that instead of the pier built by the Corporation being a benefit to him it is a serious injury, inasmuch as no revenue whatever can be derived from the west side of said pier, there being barely room for one vessel at a time to lie between that and the Wharf of the petitioner, when had not this encroachment been made on his water right he would have had room for two or three vessels a-breast of each other without inconvenience.

"The pier alluded to was built at the expence of the Corporation, is badly constructed & has already cost considerable sums for repairs,

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* Marginal note reads *See page 120.*—Ed.

upwards of a thousand dollars of which, as stated, has been paid by the petitioner & he is now called on to make further repairs to a large amount.

"Your Committee feel it to be their duty at all times to guard & defend the interest of the Corporation when [152] it can be done on just and equitable principles, but in the present case they are compelled to confess that they cannot see either justice or equity in claiming from the petitioner an expenditure of money for an object from which he has not, neither can he, from the nature of things derive the least advantage, but on the contrary which to him must prove a serious inconvenience. The Committee are of opinion therefore that the said pier ought to be repaired & kept in repair at the public expence, & they offer the following resolution accordingly.

"Resolved that the Superintendant of repairs be directed, under the instruction of the Street Commissioner, to cause the pier forming the West side of Pike Slip to be repaired in the most economical manner & at the public expence: provided said Grant relinquish any right or claim which he may have to Wharfage for vessels lying on the west side of the said pier."

(signed) S. Allen
" A. Mann
" S. Stevens

[153] In Common Council Nov. 8. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thos. Bolton
E. W. King	Herm^s^ Tallman
Leonard Kip	Benj^n^ Crane
Jno. P. Anthony	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert M^c^Queen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	S. P. Brittain
J. B. Taylor	David Board
G. B. Thorp	W^m^ A. Davis
S. Allen	Judah Hammond

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Letter was received from James Campbell stating that by joint resolution of the two houses of the Legislature at the last Session John Morss, Francis Cooper and himself were appointed Commissioners to report among other things on disposing of the State Prison [154] that as it is probable the Commissioners may under certain circumstances recommend the Sale of the same they took the liberty of informing the Corporation thereof and request to know if they would be inclined to become the purchasers. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Catharine Hubbard, Widow of Ruggles Hubbard deceased, was presented stating that an account for rent on Lots Nos. 84. 110. 163. and 188 Common Lands leased by her husband had been presented to her, that her said husband died insolvent and that she has not had nor does she ever expect to receive any Assets for her said husband's estate; that she is willing to surrender to the Corporation the Lease of said lots and prays said surrender may be accepted. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to accept the Surrender.

[155] A petition of David Churchill, Master of the Brig Pizarro, stating that he had hauled said Brig into Burling Slip by direction of the Harbour Master Captain Rogers: that he received a Notice from A. Sherman, Corporation Attorney stating that he had incurred a penalty by lying in said Slip: that the Attorney had received Ten Dollars from petitioner and recommended an Application to the Corporation for relief, and praying to be relieved from said fine: A Similar petition from Samuel Grafton, master of the Brig Robert Cochrane was also presented and read.

Whereupon both were referred to the Committee on public Offices with authority to give the relief required.

A petition of Thaddeus Smith for further time to pay a sum due by him to the Corporation was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A petition from Henry Barclay was received [156] stating that he has been ordered by the Street Commissioner to remove from his premises No. 7 Broad Street a Water Closet which communicates with the public basin: that said Water Closet is merely for the conveyance of water & of no offensive matter & praying a Committee may examine into the situation of the same. Whereupon it was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward with authority to permit the continuance of the same.

A Memorial from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the practice of vessels from the eastward laden with fish lying for a length of time in Coenties Slip, selling their cargoes by small quantities & engrossing the births in said Slip to the exclusion of Coasters, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

[157] A petition of Elizabeth Sagerson, whose husband John Sa-

gerson died with the late Epidemic, praying relief, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' house.

A petition of Charles F. Bunner for appointment as a City Weigher and of Henry Hutchings to be appointed to aid in enforcing the laws respecting the Sabbath, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Eliphalet Wheeler, guardian of the Infant heirs of John Norman deceased, praying further time for payment of an Assessment due by estate of J. Norman deceased for opening Fourth Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of Richard Suydam to be permitted to remove at his own expence a pump now on the side walk fronting his house No. 65 Pearl Street a few feet from its present situation [158] was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the First Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner

A petition of William Bruce, praying relief from fine incurred by not taking out Excise Licence in due season, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition for a Well and Pump near intersection of Spring and Thompson Streets and for one at the corner of Spring and Lawrence Streets were severally read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of Joseph Houston for relief from penalty incurred, as stated, by using weights not regulated by the City Sealer, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition that the expences of removing [159] the Well and privies may be included by the Commissioners in their Estimate of expences was referred to the Commissioners of Assessment on Oliver Street.

A Memorial was received from Messrs. Edward and William M. Hitchcock, stating that various circumstances had occurred which had materially affected and injured them in relation to their contracts for Docks & Slips and for the Street Manure and praying a Committee may be appointed to whom they may make an explanation, was read & referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of James Haggart was received stating that he purchased from Francis Fowler the lease of the School room in Rose Street and the School Furniture thereof; that he is informed by the Corporation Collector a balance of rent was left unpaid by Mr. Fowler for which his property in said School room is liable, and praying relief, was read

& referred [160] to the Finance Committee with authority to grant relief.

A petition of James Boyd, whose wife is Administratrix on the estate of Archibald Smyth, stating that an Assessment has been laid on Lot No. 446 Greenwich Street owned by petitioner and on an adjoining lot belonging to the estate of said Archibald Smyth, that from various circumstances the estate of said Smith is not now in a condition to pay the said Assessment, and praying an indulgence of 3 months for the payment thereof, was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant relief.

A petition of Joseph Cleghorn praying to be restored to his Station as a Watchman from which he had been removed, was referred to the Watch Committee.

A Memorial of Joseph Joshua Dyster [161] was received, stating that he has invented a mode of propelling Boats far Superior to the present mode by oars or paddles and praying the patronage of the Corporation; whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Communication from the Sealer of Weights and measures recommending that Scales and weights be sent to the office of the Sealer for correction and adjustment was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Jacob Smith Jr. to be employed in repairing the hose of the Fire Engines was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Letter was received from Samuel D. Craig Esqr. stating the difficulty of procuring the attendance of Witnesses on prosecutions under Corporation Ordinances & suggesting the propriety of a Law to compel them to enter into recognizances for that purpose: which was referred to the Committee on Applications to Legislature.

[162] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 5

Charles Stuart—mercht. 10 William St. 1 Ward vice Vinson T. Benham, resigned

David M. Prall——Account^{t} 80 Chatham 6 Ward vice W^{m} H. Oliver resigned

W^{m} Winterton—mercht. 17 Peck Slip—4 Ward vice David Burger —resigned

No. 14.

George Brooks—mercht. 23 Harrison 5 Ward vice Wm Passman—expelled

Daniel Jacot—mercht. 328 Greenwich 5 Ward vice Peter Embury resigned

No. 16

George Hayler—Watchmaker—3 White 4 Ward vice Jacob Smith—exchanged

No. 40

Andrew Katen—Shoe maker 73 Mulberry 6 Wd vice Lewis Singer—resigned

Wm Bowen. Butcher—177 Orange 8 Ward vice Absalom Traver—resigned

[163] Jac. H. Ridabock, Butcher—22 Spring St. 8th Ward vice Henry Maxson—resigned

Jac. J. Doremus—Blacksmith—6 Rivington 8th Ward vice Geo. Dominick—Resigned.

Saml Raymond—Shoe Maker—144 Bowery 8th Ward vice Daniel Higbie—resigned

No. 41

Wm Cornell—Cartman—Spring c. Mott Sts. 8 ward vice Truman Bartholomew—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following respecting the pier west side of Pike Slip:

" That he furnished Mr. John Grant with a copy of the Resolution passed on the 25th ulto. relating to the pier at Pike Slip: that he has since called at the Office and left a verbal message that he would not accede to the terms.

" The undersigned has had a survey taken and an Estimate made of the expence of repairing said Wharf which will amount to at least fifteen hundred dollars."

(signed) J. McComb St. Commr

Whereupon resolved that he proceed in repairing said Slip.

[164] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Washington Street from North Moore to Watts Street: also for repaving Greenwich Street 17 feet 8 inches southerly of Albany Street to 26 feet 9 inches southerly of Carlisle Street: also for paving Carlisle Street from Greenwich Street: also for paving Cedar Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead, and for regulating and paving Church Street from Lispenard Street to Canal Street—which were severally confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

The Comptroller presented the following on the City Treasurer's account:

" That on the 4th inst. he received from the Chamberlain the enclosed account current of cash received into the Treasury and paid out by Warrants from April 24 to October 31. 1819 inclusive.

" Agreeably to a Law of the Common Council, passed the 24th day of April last [165] he has compared said account current with the books in his Office. The amount of cash received and paid, from April 24th, is correct, excepting 16 cents, an error in paying a Warrant on the 6th of September last. In consequence of an examination of the books kept by the late Treasurer and those in the Comptroller's Office, and which has not yet been completed, the Chamberlain has stated the amount actually received by him exclusive of the balance in the Treasury at the time of his entering into office. In a letter of the 4th inst. he observes that he has furnished an account current of monies received and paid from the date of his appointment, preferring this to taking up the balance of his former account, which embraced items received for account of the sinking fund. Sundry payments for interest on City Stock are not brought into view in this statement.

" Since the closing of this Account a Bond has been handed to the Treasurer for $40,000. authorized by the Board on the 18th October last & reported in the cash account on the 25th ultimo.

[166] " There is also an account current with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to the 1st inst. which is found correct and agrees with the books in this office, excepting the sum of $12.74 balance in favor of the Commissioners when the present Treasurer came into office and which amount is also omitted for the reasons before mentioned."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker Comptr

whereupon the account was directed to be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Common Council.

The Counsel presented a Communication, stating that all the owners of the property on the easterly side of Oliver Street had agreed to the same arrangement as to those parts of the Street which are to be closed as on a former occasion excepting William L. Simers who had not yet been consulted, and as to the expediency of consulting him the Counsel [167] had doubts, as an arrangement with him might interfere with the future improvement of Henry Street and recommended that it be referred. Whereupon it was referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel also presented a Lease to William L. Simers for 2 pieces of land Nos. 407 and 408 in the 10th Ward, owned by ———

Lawrence, situated on First Street which were sold to said Simers on 6th March 1817 for 17 years to satisfy an Assessment for opening 2d Avenue. Whereupon said Lease was directed to be executed.

He also presented the answer of the Corporation to the Bill in Chancery filed by Samuel St. John and Joseph Scofield for foreclosing a mortgage upon certain property mortgaged by John A. Graham to the Corporation. Whereupon the same was directed to be duly authenticated by the Corporate Seal & signature of the Mayor.

He also, agreeably to order presented the Draught [168] of an Ordinance entitled a " Law to prevent hogs running at large in the City of New York " in the words following:

" Be it ordained by the Mayor, Alderman & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened, that from and after the —— —day of ——— next it shall be lawful for any person to cause any hog which shall be found running at large in any of the public Streets or places in said City to be sent to either of the public pounds in the said City, and if the owner of such hog shall not pay to the Keeper of such pound ——— dollars for the use of the person who caused such hog to be sent to such pound, together with the fees of the keeper and all reasonable charges for feeding and keeping such hog (not exceeding 12 cents for every 24 hours such hog shall be impounded) within 6 days thereafter that then it shall and may be lawful for such keeper to sell such hog at public vendue, [169] giving at least 48 hours previous notice of such sale by advertisement to be affixed upon the outside of the door or gate of such pound, and out of the monies arising from such sale to retain in his hands his fees and charges for feeding and keeping such hog and of such sale and to pay over the residue thereof to the person who caused such hog to be impounded."

It was moved to strike out the words ' Southward of '—which was agreed to. It was also moved to strike out the word ' Ten ' which was also agreed to. A motion was then made to refer the Bill to a Committee, which was negatived. It was then moved to strike out the words ' for replevying " and agreed to. The question was then taken on agreeing to the Ordinance so amended and as above set forth and it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & noes, having been called by Alderman Taylor were as follow:

Negative. Ald. McQueen—Taylor—Thorp. Messrs. Tallman, Crane—Westervelt—Parker—Board—Davis. Hammond

Affirmative. Ald. Hone—King—Kip—Anthony—Mann — Allen Messrs. Bolton—Brittain.

[170] The Counsel made a Communication on the subject of a suit that he was instructed to commence against the heirs of Peter P. Van Zandt for the recovery of an Acre of land lying on the old Boston Road; whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed:

1	E. Knapp	Own.	186 Mulberry St.	a Lot
	Wm McCready	Occ.		
2	Bunting & Shaffer	Own.	Lawrens St.	do.
3	Lynch & Clark	Own.		a privy
	T. Atkinson	Occ.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspr

The Special Committee, to whom had been referred the objections against the Canal Street Assessment, Reported:

"That they have endeavoured to bestow all the attention and consideration on the subject which its importance requires: [171] that they have heard the petitioners by their Counsel and obtained information and explanations from the Assessors. The petitioners object to the Assessment because in their opinion all the property intended to be benefitted by the Sewer has not been Assessed and of course too great a proportion has fallen on them, and assert that the Sewer was necessary to carry off the water from some ground which is not assessed, particularly the Collect ground and Lispenard's Meadow, and that some of the property which is not assessed is as much benefitted as the lots on Canal Street; that the Corporation possesses no powers but such as are derived from the Legislature, and that the Assessors were bound to conform to the law of the State which authorised the making of this Sewer and directed the expence to be assessed on all those benefitted. They complain that the Assessment is disproportioned and unequal within the limits to which it is confined and state that the Corporation sanctioned a much more extended Assessment when Canal Street ground [172] was purchased for a Water course.

"Your Committee fully agree with the petitioners in the opinion that it was the duty of the Assessors to assess all that were benefitted by the construction of the Sewer, but cannot think with them that this principle was not the basis on which this Assessment was founded.

"In the opinion of the Committee so extended an Assessment as the one alluded to by the petitioners would not have been just and correct when the ground for a water course was purchased at a great expence and the cost paid by all the lots from whence it was supposed the waters would flow into this outlet. The owners thus acquired a right of passage for their water thro' Canal Street as a common water course, and to those at a distance from this Street it could not be particularly interesting what kind of Sewer was constructed, but to the lots on Canal Street and in its vicinity [173] it was of the greatest importance, as is fully proved by the result, lots there having increased in value at least 100 per cent, as your Committee are informed since it was concluded to build this expensive Sewer.

" It appears that the Assessment extends on each side of Canal Street about 400 feet and is considerably reduced on each lot as the distance increases, obviously because the nearest are most benefitted by covering what was an offensive open kennel which constantly emitted disagreeable & perhaps noxious effluvia.

" Your Committee have paid particular attention to the complaint of inequality and disproportion in the Assessment on lots in the same or similar situations and are satisfied, after hearing the explanations and reasons assigned by the Assessors in every questionable case that a more just discrimination could not have been made.

" With these impressions and views of the subject referred to them your Committee cannot hesitate to recommend the confirmation [174] of the Assessment: they therefore respectfully offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Assessment for constructing Canal Street Sewer, as reported by the Assessors, be confirmed."

(signed) J. Hone A. Mann
" J. P. Anthony E. W. King
" J. B. Taylor.

which was approved, the resolution adopted, and on motion Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of said Assessment.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward presented the following report of their visit to the Bellevue Establishment:

" That agreeably to a resolution of the Board they have inspected the Establishment at Bellevue and have the satisfaction of being able to state that in their opinion every attention is paid to the comfort of those who by misfortune or other causes have been under the necessity of taking up their abode in the [175] Alms' house. The whole number now in that Establishment is 1751. Viz. 445 men, 500 women, 479 boys and 327 girls.

" In the Hospital there are 67 women & 63 men, who are visited daily by the physician of the House and weekly by the reverend Mr. Stanford, Chaplain to the Institution.

" There are 28 men in the apartment for maniacs whose situation appears to the Committee as comfortable as can reasonably be expected in an Establishment on so large & extensive a Scale.

" The Schools appear to be well attended. In the one there are about 250 boys and in the other 110 girls.

" About 300 of the paupers are kept constantly at work, some at the Stone Quarry in breaking out and dressing Stone for a Wall contemplated at some future day to enclose the whole of that Establishment, others at carding, spinning, weaving, shoe-making &c. by which means nearly the whole of the clothing used by the paupers is manufactured by themselves from the raw materials, and the remainder of [176] such as are able are employed in the necessary work of the Establishment, cooking, baking &c. or as nurses for the sick, aged and infirm.

" In the Penitentiary there are 197 males and 136 females. Of the former about 100 are kept daily at work on the roads and Avenues, and of the latter a large proportion have been committed as Vagrants.

" The Committee are of opinion that a large proportion of paupers at present in the Alms' house are Aliens and their children, or from parts of the United States other than the City or even State of New York."

(signed) L. Kip. H. Tallman

which was directed to be filed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Moses Dodd, reported:

" That in their opinion it is inexpedient for the Board to enter into said arrangement inasmuch as it would interfere with the duties of the [177] Collectors charged with the collection of the several sums due by the petitioner and by those means introduce a method of transacting public business at least exceptionable and unprecedented, if not injurious to the correctness necessary in keeping the accounts. They therefore propose the following resolution:

" Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner."

(signed) S. Allen J. Hammond
" S. P. Brittain B. Crane
" John Hone

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the account c ord, pray-
Public Administrator, reported: a child

"That they have examined said account and compared it with the general exhibit made by the Administrator to this Board and find the several sums correctly stated and that there appears to be an unclaimed balance of 360 dollars and 29 cents which has been paid the [178] City Treasurer agreeably to law. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that the account above alluded to be filed in the office of the Comptroller."

(signed) S. Allen B. Crane
" S. P. Brittain J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee and Counsel, to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel respecting Lispenard Street, presented a report which was laid for consideration.

The Police Committee, on the petition and account of Benjamin Watson, Registerer of Dogs, reported:

"That they have had Mr. Watson's account together with the objections of the Comptroller under consideration and are of the opinion that the Comptroller's objections are correct. Your Committee, however, think that Mr. Watson ought to [179] be refunded the monies which he has expended for printing and posting hand bills, and also for the services of the persons employed by him to carry the law into effect, such aid being absolutely necessary, also the monies expended by him for a horse and cart.

"The Committee have annexed to this Report Mr. Watson's account made out according to their views on the subject and which makes a balance in favor of Mr. Watson of 358 dollars and 35 cents instead of 574 dollars and 78½ cents as stated by Mr. Watson. They beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that Mr. Benjamin Watson's account be settled upon the principles stated in this report and that a Warrant issue in his favor for 358 dollars 35 cents to be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

(signed) T. Bolton S. Allen
" L. Kip G. B. Thorp

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly.

daily by 'The following was presented:
Stan"Resolved that a Committee of five be appointed—to consider and report on such subjects as shall be referred to them and in respect of which it may be deemed necessary to make application to the Legislature of this State at their next Session."

which was agreed to and the following Committee appointed: Mr. Hammond—Aldermen Allen, Taylor, King and Anthony.

The following resolution was presented & agreed to:

" Resolved that the Street Commissioner report to the Board a List shewing the Situation, dimensions & boundaries of all such lots, pieces or gores of ground which on the opening, widening or improving of any Avenue, Road or Street become the property of the Corporation or any other parcel or lot of land belonging to the Corporation which in his opinion may be rendered productive, in order that all such lots [181] or pieces of ground may be disposed of the ensuing season."

The following resolution was presented & agreed to:

" Resolved that George Mills & Benjamin Hicks, late Assistants to the Board of Health, be employed during the recess of the Board in inspecting yards and sinks in this City, in making enquiry after all offences against the laws & ordinances of the Common Council and the State if relative to this City, and particularly as to any offences against the law for the due observance of the first day of the week called Sunday and report or cause to be reported to the Attorney of the Corporation the names of all offenders & witnesses: and that they be allowed 2 dollars a day, provided that they shall not be allowed by this Board any pay otherwise than in lieu of that voted to them by the Board of Health."

A resolution to apply to the Legislature for a Law assessing all the benefits arising out of [182] any improvements by opening of Streets &c. was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The following was presented by Alderman Taylor:

" Resolved that a Committee be appointed to make the arrangements for the celebration of the 25th November."

which was agreed to and the following Committee appointed—Alderman Taylor, Messrs. Davis, Tallman, Stevens, and Crane.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 1st inst.	$1.21
Recd for Rents.	6651.16
" Tax of 1819—2d & 9th Wards.	1450.

Rec^{d} for Arrears of Tax	$600.	
" Excise	79.	
" Streets	6188.91	
" 4th Street	500.	
" Working 8th Avenue	300.	15,770.28

32 Accounts Audited.

R. Furman—Sup^{t} Alms' house & Officers 1 qr. 1st instant	625.	
[183] W^{m} Hooghland—Keeper Penitentiary & 3 Assists. 1 qr. 1st inst	587.50	
R. Graves—As^{t} St. Comm^{r} 1 qr. 1st instant	375.	
G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison & 2 As^{ts} 1 qr. 1st inst	350.	
J. Morton—Clerk Com. Council—1 qr. 1st inst	312.50	
R L. Walker—Physic^{n} City Prison—6 mo. 1st inst	125.	
Jno. Burger—reg^{g} 4 pub. Clocks—1 qr. 1st inst	66.66	
And^{w} M^{c}Cready—Keeper of Park—1 mo. 1st inst	46.50	
Jac. Hays—high constable—compens^{n} past services	400.	
Geo. L. Birch & Co. printing 1 qr. 1st inst	162.75	
Jos. Leonard—furnish^{g} lists of passengers—6 mo. 1st inst.	50.	
George Bowen—Coach hire—2d & 3d inst^{s}	19.50	
Pinkerton & Forgie—on acc^{t} paving Broadway to Art Street	800.	
J. M^{c}Comb—St. Com^{r} for paving Stones	500.	
Chs. Mooney—on acc^{t} paving Bowery from Broome to North Street	500.	
Hugh Smith—on acc^{t} paving Albany St	300.	
Chs. Mooney—pav^{g} Bowery from Chatham to Grand Street	300.	
Editor Evening Post—advertising Assessments for St. Comm^{r}	297.	
Ab^{m} Stagg—on acc^{t} pav^{g} Grand St	250.	
Jno. Sloan—on acc^{t} reg^{g} Amity St	200.	
[184] Jno. Bailey—on acc^{t} pav^{g} Varick St	200.	
Chs. Mooney—on acc^{t} pav. Division St	200.	
Pinkerton & Forgie—on account paving Hammond St	100.	
John Brower & Associates—Assessing Broadway & Amity St.	93.	
Rich^{d} Moran repr^{g} sundry Intersect^{ns}	72.51	
John Anderson—building Pier at Fulton St. North River	2000.	
Jno. Mullanphy—rent of Wharf Courtland St. 3 qrs. 1st inst.	225.	
Pet. Schermerhorn—Int. on Bond—3 mo. 1st int	225.	
G. Snethen—Sup^{g} & light^{g} lamps 1 mo. 1st instant	803.99	
Robt. Provoost—reg. lamps in October	56.30	
S. Allen Esqr. Treas^{r} Board of Health	1500.	
R. Furman—Sup^{t} of Alms' house	2000.	13,743.21
	Balance	$2,027.07

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

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[185] In Common Council Nov. 15. 1819.

Stanfe Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	Hermanus Tallman
Jno. Morss	Benj^n Crane
Robert M^cQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	S. P. Brittain
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	W^m A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of William Mooney for time for payment of rent due by him to the Corporation was read & referred to the Finance Committee. A similar petition from John Cregier—was referred to the same Committee.

[186] A communication was received from the Police Magistrates stating that the frequency of escapes of prisoners from the penitentiary had become injurious to the public interest: which was referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Mary Ann Siehl, stating that by an error in carrying out the Assessors books in the 9th Ward her property had been assessed at $12000, instead of $1200, and her tax made $50 instead of $5 and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A memorial from a number of Inhabitants praying that Old Slip may be filled in to the line of South Street was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition from Henry Smith was received stating that on the 4th of [187] October last he was served with an Ordinance directing him to fill in a certain lot owned by him at the corner of Bleecker & Green Streets by the 1st of November ensuing the date of said Ordinance: that not being able on account of his circumstances to defray the expence of filling in said lot he sold the same on or about the middle of October last; that he has been prosecuted for not complying with said Ordinance and praying relief—which was referred to the Committee on public Offices with power to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A memorial from sundry hatters in the City complaining of the practice of sundry persons of vending hats by retail in the Streets was read & referred to the Justices of Police.

A petition of Hawkins Wheeler, master of Sloop Concord, praying remission of fine incurred by not reporting (thro' mistake) a child who was a passenger on board his vessel, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[188] A petition of William Pike of the City of New York, Cartman, praying relief from a penalty incurred on a charge of forestalling firewood was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition for a Well & Pump in Green Street between Broome and Spring Streets was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies: Viz.

"Fire Warden of 1st Ward."

Benj. M. Brown—Mercht. 44 Water St. 1st Ward vice David Dunham—resigned

"Hook & Ladder Company No. 2."

Jno. M. Bancker—Copperplate printer—28 John 2d Ward vice James Dorset—resigned

Alexr Fowler—mason—103 Mott St. 6 Ward vice Hen. Barragon—resigned

[189] Hen. Demilt. grocer—1 Oliver St. 4th Ward—vice John Woods—removed.

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 10.

Wm T. Noble—grocer—Delancey c. Bowery—10th Ward vice F. W. Valentine—resigned.

Danl Bloomfield—Carpenter—197 Bowery—10th Ward vice William Palmer—resigned

Daniel Boyle—Shoemaker—197 Bowery 10th Ward vice Bishop A. Russel—removed

No. 11.

Abm B. Viedenburgh—carpenter—69 William 1st Ward vice Andrew Murray—resigned

No. 23

John Gemmel—Watchmaker—290 Broadway—6th Ward vice Wm S. Clark—removed

Alfred Tillotson—Shoemaker—144 Bowery 8th Ward vice James Lowerby—removed

No. 24

Ezekiel Wardell—Cabinet Maker—Fulton St. 3d Ward vice Elijah Budd—resigned

L. F. De Stanteroch—Cabinet Maker Broad St. 1st Ward vice Stephen Stephens—resigned.

[190] No. 27

Garret Garrison, Cartman—Thompson St. 8 Wd vice Samuel Smith —resigned

Wm Weeks. grocer—White c. Chapel—5 ward vice Robert Moore—resigned

Stephen Lozier. carman—C[h]apel c. Duane—5 Ward vice Aaron Banta—resigned.

No. 29

Jasper Maybie—Carman—Vandam St. 8th Ward vice Isaac Hallenbeck removed

Robert Simpson—Weaver—Perry St. 9th Ward vice Hugh Walker —resigned

No. 30

Alexr Anthony—butcher 6 Pump St. 10 W. vice Jacob Aims—resigned

No. 35

Andrew McGown Jr. Farmer vice Robert Latimer—resigned

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Laight St. from Greenwich to Washington Street—which was confirmed [191] and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also presented a Communication, stating that persons were in the habit of taking away the earth from certain Streets in the vicinity of Corlaer's Hook which has not been regulated, which required the interference of the Board.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

He also stated that numbers of persons are driving carts without numbers on them and carrying off earth, sand, gravel &c. the property of others. Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee.

He also presented the following communication:

" The Street Commissioner has the honor to represent that the following described property was sold for non payment of Assessments & the time for which it was sold having expired he would respectfully suggest the propriety of public notice being given in order that the rightful owner may [192] claim possession or if no person appears after 3 months notice that the Corporation may improve the same as the law directs.

Farm&Numbers		Where Situated		When sold	To whom	Term	For what Assessed	Amount	Expiration of Lease
Bayards W	353	W.side Laurens bet.	Broome & Spring	May 13, 1811	S. N. Bayard. .	7	pav. Intersections	$9.50	May 13, 1818
do.	356	E. side Thompson	" do.	do.	Jac. Halsey. . .	6	do.	9.50	do. 1817
do. E	1229	W. side Crosby	" Prince & Spring.	May 27, 1811	Hector Scott. .	2	pav. Crosby St. . .	44.78	May 27, 1813
do.	1007	E. side Mulberry	" Broome & Spring	do.	S. A. Laurence.	8	do. Mulberry. . .	54.27	do. 1819
do.	239	E. side Elizabeth	" Spring & Prince.	June 27, 1811	W. J. Waldron.	6	do. Intersection.	10.64	June 27, 1817
do.	897	do.	do.	do.	N. S. Bayard. .	7	reg. Elizabeth St.	25.55	do. 1818
do.	1159	N. side Spring	" Crosby & Orange	do.	M. Hoffman. . .	2	do. Spring. . . .	27.01	do. 1813
do.	981	W. side Mott	" Broome & Spring	Aug. 13, 1811	Hector Scott. .	4	do. Mott.	32.62	Aug. 13, 1815
A. Cannon.	2 lots	W. side Cannon	" Grand & Broome	do.	Amos Curtis. . .	8	do. Cannon. . .	29.29	do. 1819
Bayard's E	639	W. side Orange	" Hester & Grand.	Feb. 25, 1812	J. Simonson. . .	4	pav. Intersection.	7.25	Feb. 25, 1816
do.	517	W. side Mulberry	" do.	do.	H.C. VanHouten.	2	do. do.	30.60	do. 1814
do.	676	E. side Hester	" Elm & Rynder. .	Oct. 4, 1813	Hector Scott. .	6	" Hester & open. Elm.	60.12	Oct. 4, 1819

(signed) J. M^c^Comb St. Commiss^r^

Whereupon Resolved that he advertise the same agreeably to his suggestion.

[193] The Attorney presented a complaint that had been made to him against E. & W. Hilton for not sending their beams and weights to the City Sealer: also complaints against E. and M. Hitchcock for not removing the dirt from Elizabeth & Frankfort Streets: which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller presented a return of the Census & Jury List which was directed to be entered on the minutes & published in the papers employed by the Board:

Census of the City of New York
1819.

Wards	Total of Jurors	White Inhabitants		Aliens		Free Coloured persons		Slaves		Total of Inhabitants
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1	740	4,293	4,998	246	2	359	721	26	34	10,679
2	559	2,906	3,086	309	187	109	343	15	11	6,966
3	521	3,318	3,840	190	105	329	590	7	6	8,385
4	769	4,031	4,418	1,064	767	184	406	11	53	10,934
5	444	4,880	5,632	451	390	633	930	8	11	12,935
6	506	4,730	5,249	2,102	1,723	786	1,127	3	13	15,733
7	269	4,920	5,605	1,006	958	343	461	2	6	13,301
8	537	5,947	6,745	354	300	319	452	5	6	14,128
9	384	4,413	3,937	349	322	519	406	14	14	9,974
10	749	7,345	7,677	489	450	263	393	4	1	16,622
	5,478	46,783	51,187	6,560	5,204	3,844	5,829	95	155	119,657
1816	3,793	41,424	43,819	3,891	3,094	3,198	4,576	228	389	100,619
Increase	1,685	5,359	7,368	2,669	2,110	646	1,253	Decrease	367	19,038

Total 1819.	Males	57,282	Females	62,375	119657
" 1816	"	48,741	"	51,878	100,619
Increase	"	8,541	"	10,497	19.038

[194] The Comptroller presented a communication recommending amendments to the Law relative to the collection of Taxes, which was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed as follow:

1	Jno. Colvil	Own.	125 Mott St.	a Lot
2	J. Smith	Own.	114 Broad St.	a Privy
	C. McDermot	Occ.		
3	M. Price	Own.	28 Pearl St.	do.
	J. Ludlum	Occ.		
4	M. Price	Own.	30 do.	do.
5	O. Murphy	Les	48 do.	do.
	J. Fitzpatrick	Occ.		
6	J. Ball	Own.	1 Moore St.	do.
	J. Blauvelt	Occ		
7	J. Ball	Own. & Occ.	3 do.	do.
8	W. Matthews	do. & do.	5 do.	do
9	R. Jaques	Les.	4 Front St.	do
	M. Decker	Occ.		
10	[195] J. B. Murray	Own.	4½ Front St.	a privy
	Wm Nixon	Occ.		
11	I. D. Dessosway	Own.	12 do	do.
	R. B. Pell	Occ.		
12	H. Remsen	Own.	18 do.	do.
	Wm Jaques & Sons	Occ.		
13	J. B. Murray	Own.	3 Water Street	do.
	Wm Trane	Occ.		
14	M. Price	Own.	4 do.	do.
	M. Stephenson	Occ.		
15	J. Jaggar	Les.	9 do.	do.
	B. Dibbs	Occ.		
16	Widow Kain	Own.	15 do.	do.
	A. Patterson	Occ.		

(signed) Geo. Cuming, City Inspector.

The Committee of Applications, on petition of Charles F. Bunner for appointment of City Weigher, reported the following resolution:

"Resolved that Charles F. Bunner be & is hereby appointed a City Weigher."

(signed) D. Board: W. A. Davis
" Leon. Kip

which was approved & he was appointed accordingly:

[196] The Committee of Assessments, on the petition of Cornelius C. Blatchley, reported:

" That your Committee have made diligent enquiry in the matter set forth in said note. Your Committee have good ground to believe that he ought to be exonerated from paying the fine imposed on him. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the fine imposed on Cornelius C. Blatchley for not doing military duty be remitted."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt: T. Bolton
" E. W. King

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Ebenezer S. Blatchley, reported:

" That there were certificates produced to them of his inability to do military duty, to their satisfaction. Therefore your Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

[197] " Resolved that the fine imposed on the said Ebenezer S. Blatchley for not doing military duty be remitted."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt: T. Bolton
" E. W. King

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of sundry butchers to be released from penalty incurred by using Scales not recognised by law, reported:

" That in the opinion of the Committee this kind of scale or balance does not appear to be the kind of beams or weights contemplated by the laws of this State or of the Corporation of this City, and the Committee believe they cannot be as correct as the common beams and weights as they are more liable to be affected by the weather & particularly by rust. They are however of opinion that as the petitioners have offended innocently against the Laws to regulate weights & measures they are entitled to relief, and offer the following [198] resolution:

" Resolved that the penalty incurred by the above named petitioners or either of them be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) H. Tallman: L. Kip
" S. Allen: J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Amos Wood, reported that they "have examined the said Amos Wood and the person holding the Stall No. 8 in Catharine Market under oath and they do say under their oaths that no money has been paid or is to be paid by either of them or either of their agents in relation to the said stall. They therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

(signed) H. Tallman: L. Kip
" S. Allen: J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[199] The same Committee, on the petition of Francis Passman, reported the following resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that he be licensed for the same." (No. 10 Spring Street Market.)

(signed) H. Tallman: L. Kip
" S. Allen: J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the communication of James Campbell on the subject of the sale of the State Prison & the grounds belonging thereto, reported:

"That in their opinion the possession of the State Prison by the Corporation is so far important that it might be the means of removing from their present situation in the Park the old gaol and Bridewell, an object of much solicitude & one which your Committee would feel proud to effect were the means at their command; but with the knowledge they possess of the embarrassed state of the finances & the burthens already [200] imposed and about to be imposed on the City it would but ill comport with their present views on this subject to recommend the purchase of the prison and they therefore advise the Board to decline the proffer of the Commissioners.

"It has occurred to your Committee, however, that should the Legislature determine to erect a prison better adapted to the purposes than the present and in a more eligible situation and to abandon the one now in use, there might possibly be a disposition to cede the old prison to the Corporation gratuitously, provided proper & seasonable application shall be made for the purpose & such reasons urged on the consideration of the Legislature as the case will admit: and that the subject may receive the attention due to its importance the Committee recommend the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Committee [201] on applications to the Legislature be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of petitioning for a gratuitous grant of the State prison in the vicinity of this City, to be used as a Debtors' and County prison in lieu of the present gaol & Bridewell."

(signed) S. Allen S. P. Brittain
J. Hone B. Crane
J. Hammond

which was approved, the resolution adopted and it was accordingly referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature.

The report of the Street Committee on Lispenard Street, which was presented at the last meeting and laid on the Table, was called up & referred back to the same Committee.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution which was adopted:

" Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to take into their consideration the pro- [202] priety of petitioning the Legislature to repeal the laws granting 1500 dollars per annum to the New York Free School Society, to be paid by them to the Corporation."

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

" Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature to take into consideration the expediency of petitioning the Legislature to amend the Charter of the City of New York and the Statutes of the State so as to relieve the Mayor of this City from the duties incumbent on him as a Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas and for appointing a First Judge of the County to perform said duties and also authorising the Common Council annually to appoint a mayor and fix his Salary, provided such salary shall in [203] no case exceed the sum of dollars."

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th inst.	2027.07	
Recd for tax of 1819—1st & 3d Wards	7000.	
" Arrears of Tax	400.	
" Vendue Sales	2500.	
" Streets	4660.	
" 4th Street	73.	
" 6th Avenue	200.	
" 8th Avenue	200.	17,060.07

40 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st district....................	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	731.50
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	462.
G. N. Bleecker—Comptr 1 qr. Sal. 15th inst................	500.
J. P. Roome—Supt reprs. do. 14th inst................	300.
S. McCoun & J. H. Bailey—Assessors Tax 1819 1st Ward..	305.
Wm W. Fox & Jacob Drake—Assessors tax 1819—2d Ward	270.
N. C. Griffiths & J. Haines—Assessors Tax 1819—3d Ward	300.
[204] P. Bonnett & L. Hartman—Assessors tax 1819 4th Ward	230.
G. Sutton & P. Wynkoop Assessors tax 1819 5th Ward....	300.
A. Clark & A. Baudouine—Assessors tax 1819 6th Ward...	281.
D. Lyon and J. Cox—Assessors tax 1819 7th Ward........	271.
J. Emmons & N. Schureman Assessors tax 1819 8th Ward..	290.
T. Miller & J. Adriance Assessors tax 1819—9th Ward.....	396.
S. Cheeseman & G. Ostrander Assessors tax 1819 10th Ward	291.
John W. Wyman—Clerk Court of Sessions to pay 6 Watchmen attending Court as Witnesses—$2 each.............	12.
Editor Mercantile Advertiser—6 months' subscription to 1st July	75.
J. J. Astor—2 qr's rent of ground for Watch house—Spring St. 1st inst....................................	15.
Egbert Benson—Int. on bond assigned by P W. Radcliff 6 mo. 1st Aug. $77.26 & on acct of principal $207.58........	284.84
[205] Robert Clark—filling 250 loads earth on lot No. 639 Orange St..	31.25
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment—well 8th Avenue near Greenwich Lane	65.45
Jno. Gallagher—1st Instalt Well in Arden St..............	47.12
do. Instmt Well in Bancker n. Oliver St.......	36.75
Ocean Insurance Co. Intt on Bond 6 months 10th instant...	257.72
Thos. Barnum—superintg Wharves & piers 24 days to 14th inst.	40.
C. Mooney—on acct pavg Bowery from Broome to North Street	700.
Pinkerton & Forgye—pav. Broadway to Art Street........	600.
H. Smith—pavg Washington Street from Cedar to Carlisle Street	400.
Jno. Quin—regg Washington St. from Watts to Spring St.	300.
Jno Bailey—on acct pavg Varick St......................	300.
Jas. Meghan—paving Chamber St.......................	250.
Pinkerton & Forgye—paving Hammond St................	200.
Chs. Mooney—on act repavg Division St.................	200.
Hugh Smith—on act pavg Albany Basin..................	150.
[206] C. Corbly—on act pavg Essex St...................	100.
James Meghan—pavg Warren St........................	100.
Benjn Brown & Seth Miller Award for wideng Grand St..	9.

Editor Mercantile Advertiser—advertg Assessmts. for St. Commr	118.12	
Leonard Kip Esqr. 29 Casks Oil bought of M. Crosby	2235.50	
Jno. Fleming—Treasr to pay 29th dividend City Stock—due 1st November 1819—on account	4000.	16,630.50
	Balance	$429.57

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[207] In Common Council Nov. 22. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader C. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Leonard Kip	Herms Tallman
J. P. Anthony	Benjn Crane
John Morss	J. J. Westervelt
Robt. McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	S. P. Brittain
J. B. Taylor	David Board
Geo. B. Thorp	Wm A. Davis
Steph. Allen	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented a Calendar of persons confined in the City Prison or Bridewell, reported by the Keeper agreeably to the resolution of the Common Council, which was directed to be filed.

[208] A petition of Charles McCarthy for some appointment under the Corporation was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A memorial from the Society for the Promotion of Industry, praying further pecuniary aid from the Corporation, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A presentment of the Grand Jury held at the Sessions in November instant, stating that the repeated escapes of the prisoners from the Penitentiary required the attention of the Municipal authorities, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A memorial from Robert Benson and David S. Jones in behalf of his brothers and himself, stating that they are owners of a block of land formed by [209] Carmine Street or Sixth Avenue, Herring Street, McDougall Street and Amity Street as contemplated to be opened, that they are desirous of opening an Alley thro' said block and will make the necessary cession of ground therefor—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner to cause said Alley to be opened and accept the cession therefor.

A petition of John Langdon to rent the lower part of the Engine House in Roosevelt Street was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to rent the same.

A petition from Hunt & Doty and Elijah Ward Jr. stating the convenience of erecting a public Scale for weighing Pork &c. at Nos. 23 and 25 in the Bowery and praying such may be established, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 10th Ward with power to grant the same.

A petition of Benjamin Bailey for payment [210] of rent due to him for a building at Greenwich rented from him by the Board of Health, was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Letter was received from John J. Irving and John Nitchie, new Loan Officers, stating that by an act of the last Legislature of this State they were directed to exhibit to the Board of Supervisors the mortgages taken at their Loan Offices with the Books of Account, Vouchers & Minutes relating to the same; that the Board of Supervisors are to report to the Comptroller of the State the situation in which the monies are found upon such examination; that the Supervisors are prepared to exhibit their books and request to know to whom they are to be submitted. Whereupon it was resolved that the same be submitted to the Comptroller of the Corporation.

[211] A petition from William W. Gilbert, stating that by a mistake in the books of the Assessors of the 9th Ward in the year 1818 the value of his property had been carried out as being worth $25,500 instead of $15000 and that he had been rated accordingly & praying relief, was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A remonstrance from sundry owners of property at and in the vicinity of Old Slip against granting the prayer of the petition for filling in the same, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A recommendation in favor of appointing Daniel Bayles to the Office of Wood Inspector was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of George Watson, Cartman, praying for remuneration for the loss of his horse which fell from the easterly pier of Pike Slip in consequence of said pier being out of repair & was drowned, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

[212] A petition was received from Henry Rutgers, Anna Bancker,

John Beekman, Timothy Hedges, W^{m} B. Crosby and Jonas Mapes, stating that they have been served with notices from the Street Commissioner directing them to pave the side walks in front of their vacant lots in Market, Bancker, Henry and other Streets and praying to be exempted therefrom at the present time: which being read, it was resolved that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition of Junius H. Hatch praying to be relieved from an undue Assessment on him for a personal tax—was read & referred to the Committee of Assessments.

A memorial was received from John Jacob Astor by William B. Astor, Clement C. Moore and Samuel Boyd stating [213] that they have been assessed for regulating the 8th & 9th Avenues in the 9th Ward: that they do not consider themselves liable to said Assessment and are desirous of taking the judgment of the Supreme Court on that point in the shortest time & at the least expence and therefore request that the Counsel of the Board may be authorized to make an arrangement with them on that subject to that effect. Whereupon resolved that the Counsel be authorized to make any arrangements with them which will not prejudice the rights of the Corporation.

A petition of Thomas Daycock for relief from penalty incurred for carrying on the business of a pawnbroker without licence, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A recommendation in favor of permitting a Mrs. Simpson to occupy a room in the Old Powder Magazine on the Middle Road was read & referred to the Road Committee with power to grant the request.

[214] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 5.

Thos. B. Goelet. Account^{t} 59 Water St. 1st w^{d} vice Rich^{d} Rikeman. removed

No. 6.

John Shotwell. Cooper Murray n. Greenwich. 3^{d} W. vice Jas. Shotwell, removed.

No. 11.

Stephen Seaman. Sail Maker—44 Front St. 1 W^{d} vice John Van Nest. deceased

Daniel Dey. Sail maker. 44 Front St. 1 W^{d} vice Matthew Sharpe—deceased

No. 12.

W^m^ P. Harris. mercht. 33 Stone St. 1st Ward vice Ebenezer Liddle. removed

No. 17.

Alex^r^ Hannan. grocer. 102 Anthony 5th W^d^ vice Benj. Watson. resigned

No. 22

Nivingsen Grenard. Ship Joiner. 163 Cherry. 7 W^d^ vice John Bennon. resigned

[215] No. 25.

William French Smith—113 Orange St. 8th Ward vice Oliver T. Hewlett resigned

Jacob G. Day, Lock Smith, 80 Pump St. 10th Ward vice Wakeman Burrett, Absent

W^m^ Day—Book binder—80 Pump St. 10th Ward vice Stephen Westervelt—Expelled.

No. 31.

Elijah P. Oliver—Mason. Grand n. B'Way, 8th Ward vice Beekman Van Beuren. removed

No. 34.

Nathan Holden—Card maker—Asylum St. 9th Ward vice Matthew Schultz—resigned

Isaac Van Wart—Black Smith—Gilbert St. 8th Ward vice James Mills Expelled.

The Comptroller presented the account of Alpheus Sherman, Attorney of the Corporation, for fines received by him and his fees thereon for the months of June, July and August last—which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[216] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for working the 3^d^ Avenue prepared by the Counsel—which was passed and Jonathan Thompson, Henry Post and Thomas Miller were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented a return of delinquents on an Assessment for regulating M^c^Dougall Street and one for regulating & paving Albany Street. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector J. G. Betts for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Arden near Herring Street and for one in the 8th Avenue near Greenwich Lane—which were confirmed & John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances, [217] which ordinances were passed:

1.	P. Byrne	Les.	8 Thames St.	a privy
	T. Atkinson	Occ.		
2	Hen. Lowry	Les. & Occ.	8 South St.	do.
3	Court Debevoise.	Own. & Oc.	52 Leonard St.	do
4	G. White & C. Rush	Les.	36 Chapel St.	do.
	H. Davis	Occ.		
5.	S. Tooker	Own.	13 Coenties Slip.	do.
	R. & L. Reed	Occ.		
6	J. Jaggar	Les.	9 Front St.	do.
	J. Patterson	Occ.		
7	J. Delafield	Own.	26 do.	do.
	J. Bloomer	Occ.		
8	W^m N. Price	Own.	28 Pearl St.	do.
	W^m S. L. Bradford.	Agt.		
	J. Ludlum	Occ.		
9	W^m M. Price	Own.	30 do.	do.
	W^m S. L. Bradford.	Agt.		
10	G. White & C. Rush.	Les.	66 Warren St.	do.
	J. C. Corey	Occ.		
11	G. White & Charles Rush	Less.	68 do.	do.
	P. *Servens*. [Sering]	Occ.		
12	[218] W^m M. Price	Own.	4 Water St.	do.
	W. S. H. Bradford	Agt.		
	M. Stephenson	Occ.		
13	J. Quackenbos	Own.	130 do.	do.
	P. Smith	Occ.		
14	B. Lowerre	Own.	95 Broad St.	do.
	J. Clark	Occ.		
15	Heirs of P. Goelet.	Own.	128 do.	do.
	R. Grant	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Committee on Public Offices, to whom had been referred the petitions of Caulfield & Toole, Richard Kirby and Patrick Gartland, Reported:

"That the facts in these cases are similar, so far as your Committee have had an opportunity of judging of them. By the statement of the City Sealer the deficiency in their respective weights and measures were and had been for a long time very [219] considerable.

" Your Committee are not disposed to charge these individuals with intentional fraud, tho' they do think them from the representations of the City Sealer guilty of gross negligence in not seeing that their weights & measures were more correct. The injury to the public is the same whether an individual gives light weight and short measure thro' negligence or design, and on the whole your Committee think that the suits in these cases should proceed & therefor offer the following resolution:

" Resolved that the Attorney proceed in the suits commenced against the persons mentioned in this report."

(signed) S. Stevens—J. Morss
" B. Crane—W. A. Davis

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolution:

1. Resolved that hereafter all grants issued for ground under water shall contain [220] a condition that no Wharf or pier shall be sunk or built on such grant except a permit be first obtained from the Common Council and the place for building such pier be designated by the Street Commissioner.

2. " Resolved that should any part of a water grant be required at any time thereafter for public uses the grantee shall be bound to surrender the same on being paid the expence he may have incurred in improving such part of said grant."

It was moved to divide the resolution, which was agreed to. The question being taken on the first question of the resolution it was carried in the Affirmative. The latter part was then referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

Alderman Allen also presented the following:

1. " Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the [221] Legislature to enquire into the expediency of petitioning for an Act so to amend the Charter of this City as to authorize the Common Council to appoint a person or persons to issue licences in the name of the Corporation for Inns or Taverns and to relieve the Mayor from that duty as enjoined on him by the Charter and also to authorize them to fix the sum to be paid for a licence at Ten Dollars each.

2. " Resolved that it be referred to the same Committee to enquire into the propriety of petitioning for an Amendment to the Act appointing the Commissioner of Excise so as to raise the Minimum price

from five to ten dollars and the maximum price for a licence to retail strong or spirituous liquors in this City from 50 to 100 dollars."

The Question being taken on the first resolution it was lost. The question was then taken on the Second resolution—which was agreed to.

Alderman Allen gave notice he should move for a reconsideration of the vote on [222] the first resolution at the next meeting of the Board.

A resolution was presented for appointing a Select Committee to draft rules and regulations for the better government of the penitentiary—which was agreed to and the following Committee appointed: Mr. Davis Ald. Anthony Mr. Parker Mr. Westervelt Mr. Bolton.

Alderman King presented a resolution referring to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to consider of the expediency of amending the law relative to granting licences of Excise so as to make such licence necessary for retailing any quantity less than thirty gallons —which was agreed to and it was referred accordingly to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[223] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 15th inst.	$429.57	
Received for Tax 1819—2d & 9th Wards	2000.	
" " Rents	7007.77	
" " Streets	4140.95	
" Commutation Alien passengers	1029.	
" Mayoralty fees	100.	14,707.29

21 Accounts Audited.

Andrew Van Orden—Keeper of Battery one month 19th inst.	45.
Saml L. Waldron—painting portrait of C. D. Colden Esqr. and Frame	125.
Pinkerton & Forgye—on acct paving Broadway to Art Street	1000.
Charles Mooney—on acct paving Bowery from Broome to North St.	500.
Thomas Lovett—on acct pavg Greenwich St.	400.
Peter Debaun—regg McDougal St.	300.
Jno. Bailey—on acct paving Varick St.	300.
Heny Cochrane—on act pav. Washington St. from North Moore to Watts St.	300.
Hugh Smith—on acct pavg Albany St.	200.
[224] Pinkerton & Forgie—pavg Hammond St.	200.
C. Mooney—pavg Bowery from Grand to Broome	200.
Geo. Lovett—filling Corporation ground—foot of Fulton Street	95.48

Arthur Quin—bal. filling block between Charlton & King Sts.	1617.50	
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment on Well in Burton St.	36.33	
Geo. F. Trimble—Treasr N. Y. Free School Soc.	1500.	
Ald. King—Chairman Comee for paying officers serving subpoenas for the Sessions from July 1818 to Oct. 1819 inclusive	1246.	
Leonard Kip Esqr. to pay Alexander Ray for 15 casks oil.	1541.94	
Benjn Watson—Register of dogs—bal. of his account ordered 8th inst	358.35	
J. P. Roome—Supt repairs—for repairs	400.	
do. do. reprs. Engine houses	389.	
Richd Furman—Supt of Alms' house	3950.	
		14,704.60
	Balance	$2.69

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[225] In Common Council Nov. 29, 1819

Pesent The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.
P. A. Jay. Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Asa Mann	Benjamin Crane
George B. Thorp	Jno. J. Westervelt
Stephen Allen	Stephen P. Brittain
	David Board
	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of William Buckmaster, praying payment for 21 Rockets fired off by him on the 25th instant, was read and referred to the Committee of Arrangements for the 25th of November.

[226] A request of John Vanderlyn for the advance to him of Two hundred dollars on account towards the portrait of General Jackson, which he is now painting for the Common Council, was read & referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the request and with a request that the President would sign the Warrant in the recess of the Board if directed to issue by the Committee.

A petition of Henry Cochran, praying an advance of 2000 dollars on sundry contracts due to him for paving Hudson and sundry other streets, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Charles Green, at present at Norwalk in the State of Connecticut, stating his profession to be that of a maker of moveable engines for weighing of bulky articles and proffering his services to construct such a machine for the [227] Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Art and Sciences.

A Memorial of Edward Coggan and Samuel Griffith, in behalf of themselves and 105 people of color, stating that they are desirous of emigrating to St. Domingo, and praying pecuniary aid to enable them to effect that purpose, was read & referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' house.

A petition from John G. Bogart, praying relief from payment of a tax on 4 houses in Cross Street assessed in the year 1812 and which he alleges he paid to the Collector John O'Neal was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A memorial from the Trustees of the New York Free School Society, praying to be paid the amount of a Bill for Venetian Blinds put up in the School room over the Engine house at Greenwich Village occupied by them with the permission of the Corporation, was read & referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

[228] A petition of William Rhodes for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor in a house for which he was not regularly licensed, was read, and referred to the Police Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of Elijah Washburn for relief from a tax imposed on him in lieu of Militia Service, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Alexander Anthon for Stall No. 40 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A request from George Rapelye that the Tenth Avenue, the Assessment for the opening of which has been some time since paid, may be now opened—was read and referred to the Road Committee.

[229] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Nine Nuisances—which were passed:

1.	Heirs of J. Clason	Own.	31	Front St.	a Privy
	Ford & Stansbury	Occ.			
2.	Jno. Delafield	Own.	107	do.	do.
	E. Wheeler	Occ.			
3	Rob^{t} Carter	Own. & Occ.	33	do.	do.

4	W. & R. Luyster	Own.	82	Pearl St.	a Privy
5	do.	do.	82½	do.	do.
6	Don Thos. Stoughton	Own.	43	Water St.	do.
	G. Taylor	Occ.			
7	J. Luyster	Own	45	do.	do.
	D. Strang	Occ.			
8	Stephens & Lippincot	Own.	47	do.	do
	T. & T. W. Corlies	Occ.			
9	Terence Mahan	Les. & Occ.	65	do.	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 2.

[230] Ferris Finch—grocer—Division St. 7th Ward—vice James Durand—Resigned.

Abraham Craft—Turner—Catherine St. 7th Ward—vice Andrew Sealey—resigned

"Hook & Ladder Co. No. 4."

Dennis Bennett—Cabinet Maker—46 Mulberry—6 Wd vice George B. Reece. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 8."

Benj. Ogden—Dentist—Bowery c. Hester, 6 Wd vice Jno. Boardman, Resigned

Elijah Fordham, Carver & Gilder—393 Pearl 4th Wd vice Richd Spelman—Resigned.

No. 26.

Wm Harris—Fishmonger—121 Henry St. 7 Wd vice Ira Munson —Removed

James Eastwood—Cartman—37 Pike St. 7 wd vice Eliphaz Tracy—Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented returns of delinquents on the following Assessments, whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same. Viz.

[231] For regulating Washington Street from Spring to Canal Street: For regulating Sullivan Street from Bleecker Street to John Ireland's line: For paving the lower end of Chamber Street: For pav-

ing the lower end of Desbrosses Street: For paving the lower end of Warren Street: For paving Varick Street from Laight Street to Vandam Street—and the Warrant was directed to John G. Betts Collector.

He also presented an Assessment for a public Cistern in front of St. Stephen's Church, and the Warrant was directed to Noah Jarvis, Collector.

Also for repaving the Bowery from Chatham Square to Grand Street: For repaving Division Street: For paving Hammond Street: For paving Anthony & Little Water Street—and the warrant was directed to Morris De Camp, Collector.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Green Street between Brome & Spring Streets—which was passed & Abraham Baudouine [232] John Brower and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Fulton Street, and for paving Harrison Street and for a Well & Pump in Burton Street, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each: Also for paving Rynder Street from Canal to Hester Street—which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of David Munson, Reported:

" That the premises alluded to is the building formerly occupied as a Watch house at the corner of Catherine Street and Chatham Square and is held on lease by Mr. Munson at the annual rent of 300 dollars, which lease expires on the 1st day of May next. Mr. Munson has paid several Assessments on the premises during his lease, particularly [233] that for opening Oliver Street, the benefits of which will not be realized for some time to come and in consideration of which your Committee are of opinion that he ought to have the preference of the premises at a fair rent. The Committee, in deciding on the quantum of rent to be paid, have not only taken into view the Assessments paid by the lessee and the expence he will incur in repairing the building, but also the increased value of the premises as a place of business, and have therefore raised the sum to be paid from 300 to 400 dollars per annum on a lease of 7 years. This has been communicated to Mr. Munson, who has agreed, under the sanction of the Board, to accede to the terms, and the Committee propose the following resolution accordingly:

" Resolved that the premises belonging to the Corporation at the corner of Catherine Street and Chatham Square be leased to David Munson, the present occupant, for 7 years from the 1st day of May 1820; [234] and that the amount of rent to be paid by the lessee be 400 dollars per annum, together with all taxes & assessments that may be assessed on the premises during the continuance of such lease."

(signed) S. Allen. B. Crane
J. Hone. J. Hammond
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee to whom was referred the Communication of John W. Conklin, on subject of the lease of a Cellar under Duane Market reported:

"That they are informed the said Conklin is a bankrupt and unable to pay the rent due or that which may become due; that the cellar has been occupied by persons of disorderly conduct and has been a nuisance to the neighbourhood and frequently complained of as such. Your Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the lease ought to be [235] accepted on the terms offered by said Conklin & they recommend the following resolution accordingly:

"Resolved that the lease held by *Jonan* [John] W. Conklin for the cellar under Duane Street Market be cancelled and that the Comptroller be instructed to cancel the same and release said Conklin from the rent thereon."

(signed) S. Allen. H. Tallman
J. Hone J. J. Westervelt

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee, on the petition of William Pyke, reported:

"That Mr. Pyke has been prosecuted by the Attorney of this Board under the ordinance entitled "an Act to regulate the Sale of Firewood" and a recovery made against him.

"The Committee have heard Mr. Pyke and have carefully examined the evidence produced by him and they are satisfied that Mr. Pyke had orders at the time he made the purchase in question for more wood than he actually purchased as will appear evident [236] from the Certificate hereunto annexed. The Committee think Mr. Pyke ought to be relieved & they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Attorney of this Board repay to the petitioner

William Pyke the amount of the penalty recovered against him as above mentioned."

(signed) T. Bolton. S. Allen
S. Stevens G. B. Thorp

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Hawkins Wheeler, reported:

"That they have every reason to believe that Captain Wheeler was led into error in the present case by wrong information, and inasmuch as both the mother and child have been sent back to Boston by Captain Wheeler they think the suit ought to be discontinued. They beg leave to offer the following resolution:

[237] "Resolved that the suit commenced against Hawkins Wheeler for not reporting the infant child above mentioned be discontinued on payment of costs."

(signed) T. Bolton: S. Allen
S. Stevens G. B. Thorp

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications, on the petition of William Bryant, reported:

"That the prayer of petitioner be granted, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that William Bryant be & he is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain."

(signed) D. Board. W. A. Davis

The question being taken on agreeing to the report of the Committee, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised, under the direction of the Finance Committee, to borrow on the credit of the [238] Corporation a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars and that his Honor the Mayor be authorised at the request of the Comptroller to execute the Bonds for the whole or any part thereof."

It was moved that the same be borrowed at an interest not exceeding 6 per cent. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative. The question was then taken on the resolution and it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d inst	$2.69	
Received for Streets	2945.93	2948.62
8 Accounts Audited.		
Anderson & Leek Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	731.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.	
Jno. Bailey on acct pavg Varick St	200.	
[239] Hugh Smith—on account—paving Carlisle St	200.	
Henry Cochran on acct paving Washington from North Moore to Watts St	150.	
Richard Moran—repairing sundry Intersections	8.68	
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment Well in Franklin Street	42.	2936.93
	Balance	$11.69

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[240] In Common Council Dec. 6. 1819.

Present. Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.

John Hone
Leonard Kip
Jno. P. Anthony
Jno. Morss
Robert McQueen
Asa Mann
Jac. B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants.

Thomas Bolton
Benjn Crane
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
S. P. Brittain
David Board
Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A petition of Henry Shelters, praying relief from an Assessment of a personal tax beyond the real amount of his personal property, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[241] A petition for permission to construct a Cistern in front of No. 116 Fly Market, property of the Estate of Daniel Smith, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward & Street Commr

A petition of Tunis Van Winkle for permission to construct a vault for Edward Crary in White Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition from sundry owners and inhabitants that McDougall

Street may be extended through to Fourth Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of sundry owners and inhabitants that Grand Street may be continued and extended from its present termination into Sullivan Street and continued the same width as it is at present on Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[242] A petition of Silvanus J. Pinnemen for relief from fine incurred by his vessel lying in Fly Market Slip, the vessel having been placed there by the Lessee of the Public Wharves, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips—with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition for a Well and Pump at the corner of Fourth and Thompson Streets—was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Memorial from a Committee in behalf of the Humane Society soliciting pecuniary aid from the Corporation to enable them to continue the Assistance they have heretofore given to the imprisoned Debtor and to the Indigent Poor—was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

[243] A petition from Alexander Lamb, praying remuneration for bedding and other articles destroyed by order of the Board of Health during the prevalence of the malignant fever last summer, was read and referred to Aldermen Morss, King, Anthony, Hone and Taylor.

A Memorial of Silvanus Miller, Surrogate of the City and County of New York, praying that the rule respecting the prohibition of keeping light in the Offices of the Hall after dark may be rescinded as relates to him, as his duties to the public frequently require his attendance in his Office in the evening, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition from Isaac Wheeler, Master of the Schooner Industry, for return of fine paid by him for supposed breach of the law respecting the lying of vessels in the public Slips, there having been a mistake in relation to his vessel, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and [244] Slips with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Communication was received from the Clerk of the Common Council, stating that he had received for the use of the Corporation from the Board of Engineers of the United States a map of the Harbor of New York designating the Shoals and Soundings from Sandy Hook to the City, surveyed by Captain Le Conte of the United States Topographical Engineers, and requesting their direction as to the disposition of the same. Whereupon ordered that it be filed by him with the plans & maps of the Defence of the City now deposited in his Office.

A petition of Joshua S. Place for Stall No. 7 Essex Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[245] A petition of Losee Van Nostrandt, in behalf of Hunt and Van Nostrandt formerly lessees of the Fly Market Ferry, stating that a demand had lately been made upon them on account of their contract for said Ferry and praying the same may be referred to a Committee for a fair and equitable adjustment of the same, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A petition of Richard Stagg for remission of fine for selling liquor on Sunday and without licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition was received from Abraham Hart, a Weigher of Hay, complaining of the infraction of the law respecting the Sale of hay by persons selling Hay in bundles without weighing the same—which being read was referred to the Committee on Laws.

[246] The following persons were appointed Fire Warden and Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden 5th Ward."

Samuel Davis—painter—245 Duane St. 5 Ward. vice. Hen. M. Ludlum—Removed.

"Hook & Ladder No. 3."

Geo. Paulding—Carpenter—Vandam St. V. Wm Reeves. Expelled.

"Fire Engine Company No. 27."

Uzariah Ross—Mason—Broome c. Varick 8 Ward vice Joseph Morgan—Resigned

Robert Morris—Marble Cutter—30 Vandam. 8 Wd vice Benjamin Townsend—removed.

The Attorney reported the following complaints made to him which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Against William Primrose, a Cartman, for forestalling Fire wood and against a Mr. Daycock for acting as a Pawnbroker without licence.

He also stated that for all the com- [247] plaints and proceedings against the Street Contractors he had received from them no costs, altho' he had often requested a Settlement from them, and he wished to know whether he was to charge those costs to the Corporation: Which Communication was referred to the same Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following:

"The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the proposition of Robert Benson and David S. Jones Esqrs. to make a cession of an Alley thro' their land, reports that he has received a deed of cession from those gentlemen for said Alley, which is on an improved plan from the one that was first shown, which he respectfully submits for the approbation of the Board."

(signed) Jno. M^{c}Comb—St. Comm^{r}

Whereupon resolved that said Cession be accepted.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed and the following [248] Collectors appointed: Viz.

For paving Orange Street from Broome to Prince Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector:

For a Well and Pump in Franklin Street between Broadway and Elm St. For regulating and repaving Dey Street from Greenwich to Washington Street and for regulating West Street from Fulton to Dey Street, and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for repaving Cedar Street from Nassau Street to Broadway—which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Brower and John Targee were appointed Assessors therein.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances:

1	T. Western	Les.	104 Water St.	a privy
	do.	Occ.		
2.	[249] C^{l} Decatur	Own.	12 Coenties Slip	do.
	S. Coddington	Occ.		
3	L. Lefferts	Own.	44 Front St.	do.
	H. S. Belden	Occ.		
4	P. Schermerhorn Jr.	Own.	60 Front St.	do.
	Peter & Herrick	Occ.		
5	S. D. Craig Esqr.	Own.	65 do.	do.
	J. Johnston	Occ.		
6	J. M^{c}Adams	Own.	112 Pearl St.	do.
	H. B. Gibson	Occ.		
7	J. Stewart Jr.	Own.	122 Pearl St.	do.
8	J. Morrison	Own	130 do.	do.
	S. V. Bouland	Occ.		
9	H. Brevoort Jr.	Own	136 do.	do.
	R. Gill & Co.	Occ.		

10	C. C. Van Allen	Own.	140 Pearl St.	a privy
	D. J. Boyd & Co.	Occ.		
11	Hull & Bowne	Own & Occ.	146 do.	do
12	J. Alexander	Les. & Occ.	Greenwich c. Duane St.	do.
13	J. Suydam	Own.	128 Pearl St.	do.
	J. Thompson	Occ.		
14	M. Smith	Own	McDougall St.	a Lot
	G. Lee	Agt.		
15	[250] A. L. Lawrence	Own.	do.	do.
16	John Sneden	Own	do.	do.
	P. Debaun	Agt.		
17	Wm C. Mulligan	Own.	do.	do.
18	Isaac Tucker	do.	do.	do.
19	Wm Ovington	do.	do.	do.
20	Alexr S Glass	do.	do.	do.
21	Wm Paulding	do.	do.	do.
22	Joshua Lord	do.	do.	do.
23	Wm Stone	do.	do.	do.

(signed) G. Cuming, C. Inspr

which Ordinances were passed.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, on the Memorial of William Hall, reported:

" That they have examined his Machinery and have seen Mr. Hall make an experiment on one chimney at the Old Alms' House and are of opinion that he ought to be permitted to put it in operation—Therefore

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant a licence [251] to William Hall to open an Office for the purpose of receiving orders for sweeping and cleaning chimnies and that he be authorized to demand and receive the same as is allowed by law.

(signed) Robert McQueen
Jacob B. Taylor.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Assessments, on the petition of William W. Gilbert, Reported:

" That they have faithfully enquired and have good ground to believe that it is true, as stated in the annexed certificate by the Assessors that he was rated $25,000 instead of $15,000 and that your memorialist had to pay a tax of $112 $^{20}/_{100}$ instead of $66. Your Committee are of opinion that the error made by the Assessors ought to be rectified. It is stated by the Assessors that your Memorialist ought to pay only \$66. instead of $\$112\,{}^{20}/_{100}$, but your Committee are of opinion that the Corporation cannot remit the State Tax which amounts to $\$10\,{}^{50}/_{100}$. [252] Deducting the $\$10\,{}^{50}/_{100}$ from $\$45\,{}^{20}/_{100}$ remains $\$35\,{}^{70}/_{100}$, which in the opinion of your Committee is the amount which ought to be remitted. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that a Warrant issue in favor of William W. Gilbert for the sum of 35 dollars and 70 cents."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt. J. P. Anthony
" T. Bolton J. Morss

which was approved, the resolution adopted and a Warrant directed to issue agreeably thereto for \$35.70 cents.

The same Committee, on the petition of Marian Siehl, Reported:

"That they have enquired of the Assessor, Mr. Miller, of the Ninth Ward, who says that the statement set forth in her petition is substantially true and that it has happened by copying the books that it was by [253] some mistake in the figures made \$12,000 instead of \$1200, and it is also stated to your Committee that she is a Widow with some small children. Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that Mary Ann Siehl pay to the Collector of the Ninth Ward Five Dollars, and that the remainder Forty five Dollars be remitted."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt: Jno. P. Anthony
" Thos. Bolton: John Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Robert Pearsall for relief from fine imposed under the Militia Law, reported:

"That they have had said Pearsall before them and that your Committee have good reason to believe from his own testimony that the fine was imposed on him before he was forty five years of age. Therefore your Committee beg leave to offer the following:

"Resolved that the fine imposed on [254] Robert Pearsall be not remitted."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt J. P. Anthony
" T. Bolton J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Elijah Washburn, Reported:

That there is a certificate accompanying his petition, given by Dr. E. W. Bibby, that he is afflicted with a rheumatic affection in his right hip which in his opinion should exempt him from any fine for military duty: but your Committee are not satisfied with that Certificate and have good reason to believe that he is able to pursue his daily calling and that the fine ought not to be remitted. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following:

"Resolved that the fine of Elijah Washburn be not remitted."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt: J. P. Anthony: T. Bolton: J. Morss.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[255] The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the Communication of the Comptroller relative to an amendment to the Law respecting the collection of Taxes, reported:

"That they have considered the subject referred to them, and it appears that many persons of sufficient ability neglect to pay their taxes within the time prescribed by law to the manifest injury of the public, and that large commissions are annually paid for the collection of delinquent taxes, which commissions are wholly lost to the public: so that it is manifest some efficient remedy ought to be applied. Your Committee, therefore, respectfully recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to prepare the draught of a law for the purpose specified in the above mentioned recommendation of the Comptroller, and that he also be instructed to prepare the usual petition to the Honorable Legislature pray- [256] ing the passage of that Law."

(signed) J. Hammond
" S. Allen
" J. B. Taylor
" J. P. Anthony

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Committee on be instructed to purchase, at the expence of this Board, a Copy of the Declaration of Independence published by John Binns of Philadelphia, and that they cause the same to be suitably framed and deposited among the other memorials of this Corporation."

Whereupon the Blank was filled with the word 'Finance' & the resolution adopted.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 29th Nov		$11.69	
Recd Tax 1819—1st 2d 3d 4th 6th Wards		11,200.	
" Arrears of Tax		600.	
[257] Received for Streets		3721.55	
" Canal Street Sewer		700.	
" Loan of Mechanics' Bank	9500.		
Deduct int. 6 mo. 3 days from 4th inst. @ 6 p. ct. p. an	289.75	9210.25	25,443.49

55 Accounts Audited.

John Vanderlyn—on account—portrait of Gen. Jackson	200.
Aldermen Hone and Mesier—attending Sessions in May 12 days	48.
Alderman Hone—do. June & Nov. 24 days	96.
Alderman King—attendg Sessions May, June & November 36 days	144.
Alderman Kip—attendg Sessions July 12 days	48.
Alderman Anthony—attendg Sessions July 12 days	48.
Alderman Morss—attendg Sessions August 11 days	44.
Alderman McQueen—attendg Sessions August 11 days	44.
Alderman Mann—attendg Sessions September 12 days	48.
[258] Alderman Taylor, attending Sessions—September 12 days	48.
Alderman Thorp—attending Sessions—October 12 days	48.
Alderman Allen—attending Sessions—October 12 days	48.
William B. Cozzens—Dinner for Corporation 25th November	737.
John Ritchie—preparing Ammunition for Troops 25th of November	86.50
B. Skaats—expences for Corporation 1 quarter 25th November	159.87
David Longworth—mounting maps of City and 7 Directories	28.50
Daniel Payne—Watchman—at Court as Witness	2.
George Cuming—City Inspector—1 quarter's Salary 28th November	312.50
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer 1 quarter 18th Nov	200.
William S. Smith—Collector of City Revenue. One quarter Salary 22d November	200.
[259] Ogden Edwards—Counsellor—1 quarter 27th November	125.
B. Skaats—Keeper of City Hall—One quarter 24th November	100.
Abm Brevoort—Inspector of Bread—one quarter 21st November	100.
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread—one quarter 17 November	100.

Astin & Cochrane—Messengers—One month 1st December.	60.	
Samuel Hutchings—Street Inspector 1 month 1st December	60.	
Jonathan Pinkney—Street Inspector—1 month 1st December	60.	
Abraham Ackerman—Street Inspector—1 month 1st December	60.	
George Mills—Assistant Board of Health. 1 month 1st December	60.	
Benjn Hicks—Assistant Board of Health 1 month 1st December	60.	
Wm J. Waldron—Assistant City Inspectr 1 month 1st December	52.	
[260] Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspr 1 month 1st December	52.	
Danl H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field—1 month 1st December	45.	
James Warner—Special Justice—1 quarter 26th November.	250.	
James Hopson—Special Justice—1 quarter 26th November.	250.	
Charles Christian—Special Justice 1 quarter 26th November	250.	
Peter Townsend—Clerk Police 1 quarter 26th November...	250.	
R. Stephens—Asst Clerk Police—1 quarter 26th November.	225.	
J. Hays—for Officers conveying prisoners to Penitentiary—1 qr. 26th November	90.	
Jacob Hays—High Constable for Officers extra service police—1 qr. 26th November	82.75	
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps 1 month 1st December....	778.26	
[261] Robert Provoost repairing lamp in November	37.61	
George Lovett—balance buildg pier at Brooklyn	877.75	
David Stebbins—Interest on Bond 6 months 10th November	103.25	
C. Mooney—on account for paving the Bowery from Broome Street to North Street	1100.	
Henry Cochrane—on account for paving Washington Street from North Moore to Watts Street	300.	
Peter Debaun—on account—regulating McDougall Street..	300.	
Peter Debaun—for regulating Sullivan Street	216.47	
Charles Mooney—on account—for paving Division Street..	100.	
John McComb—St. Commissioner for repairing roads.....	475.	
J. Slidell—Treasr Institution for Deaf & Dumb—6 mo. 13th Oct.	200.	
[262] Thomas Brown—Music 25th of November	25.	
J. Fleming—Treasurer—to pay 29th Dividend City Stock bal. due 1st Nov. 1819	9500.	
Richard Furman Suptdt of Alms' House	5000.	
Richard Furman—Suptdt of Alms' house for work 3d Avenue	1500.	25,435.46
	Balance	$8.03

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[263] In Common Council Dec. 13. 1819.

Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder—President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Robert M^c^Queen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	Jno. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A petition in behalf of Mrs. Grayson by Alexander Gifford, Builder, for permission to put down a brick cistern in front of her house in Fulton Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of John Anderson, praying that [264] a Committee may be appointed to examine into the situation of a pier which he is erecting at Vesey Street under a contract with the Corporation, and that the subject, if not agreed upon with the Committee and petitioner may be referred to the arbitration of three disinterested persons, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips with authority in their discretion to refer the subject to Arbitration.

A petition from sundry persons confined in No. 46 in the Gaol of the City, stating that supply of fuel is requisite for their comfort at this Season, was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to put the Stoves placed by the Corporation in the Gaol in suitable repair.

A petition of John & Ellen Johnson praying for remuneration of Articles [265] stolen from their dwelling while abandoned by them by order of the Board of Health during the late epidemic, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of John and Robert Sloan, Contractors for filling in Wooster, Laurens, Thompson and Houston Streets, stating that they have been prevented from taking a quantity of earth which they had calculated they were to have for filling in said Streets and praying remuneration therefor, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Isaac Valentine for Stall No. 1 Gouverneur Market, of Stephen Burdett for Stall No. 14 Washington Market, and a Memorial from the Butchers of Spring Street Market complaining that the two first stands in said Market occupy too much space, were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

[266] A petition of John De Clew, Lessee of the Flag Staff at the Battery, stating that his Lease will expire on the 1st of May next and soliciting a renewal, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of William Lambert for permission to construct a vault in front of No. 77 James Street, was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to grant on the usual terms.

A petition of Thomas Teat for remission of penalty incurred by using weights not regulated by the City Sealer was read & granted on payment of costs.

A petition of Samuel, William, Elbert, Thomas and David S. Jones, stating that they are owners of land at Greenwich through which the 6th [267] Avenue passes: that the sum of 73 dollars was awarded them for the damage in relinquishing the land without any allowance to them for surplus earth supposing there would be none: that the regulation of the said Avenue has since been altered and it is found that a considerable surplus of earth will remain, and requesting that they may be permitted to take the same to fill in their lots on the lower ground, was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A petition of the Reverend John Hanning, Lessee of the School Room over the Watch House, in Spring Street, requesting it may be rented to him and his Son Alexander Hanning after the 1st of May next at the same rent he now holds, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Corynus Bertholf, praying to be appointed Inspector of Firewood in place of John Armstrong, deceased, and [268] similar petitions from Martin Okie and John Crouten were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Letter was received from the Reverend Cave Jones, stating that the Managers of the Society for the Prevention of Pauperism had taken into consideration the present destitute situation of the laboring class of the Community and had appointed a Committee to confer with the Board on the subject, that as Chairman of that Committee he begged leave to present the subject for their consideration. Whereupon the same was referred to Aldermen Allen Hone Taylor

A proposal was received from Robert Latimer to take charge of the convicts at the Penitentiary for working on the [269] Roads and Avenues and to find them Board, Utensils, &c. which was read and referred to the Special Committee appointed to make rules and regulations for the government of the Penitentiary—Viz. Mr. Davis Ald. Anthony Messrs Parker Westervelt Bolton

A petition was received from John Williams, praying payment of the amount due to him on contract for working Green Street from Bleecker Street to Houston Street which had been completed nearly fourteen months. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition for a Well & Pump corner of Walker & Church Streets was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

[270] The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Hook & Ladder Company No. 1."

John Shay—Cooper—Rector St. 1st Ward vice Duncan McKechney—resigned.

"Supply Engine Company No. 1."

Peter Snyder, Brewer, 334 B'Way—6th Wd
Benjn Townsend, grocer, 229 William—4th Wd
Richd Owens, Painter, 498 Pearl—6 Ward
John Groshong, brewer, 60 Reed—5 ward
William King, mason, Mott, 6 Ward
Timothy Baldwin, builder, 176 Mulberry 8 Ward

"Fire Engine Company No. 22."

John Green, shipwright, Goerck St. 10 Ward—vice William Harris, resigned.

The Attorney reported that ordinances for correction of Nuisances had been sent to him by the City Inspector to recover the penalty of 24 dollars from each of the following persons—Viz. Christopher Rush, Philip Serren, James Casey, Henry [271] Davis and George White for not emptying their privies, but that the said persons have lately complied with the Ordinances. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of 7 Nuisances, which were passed:

1	Abijah Hammond	Own.	Grand St.	A Lot
2	J. T. Clayton	Les. & Occ.	Franklin c. Collect.	A Privy

3	A. Ming.	Own. & Occ.	84 Front St.	A Privy
4	J. Halsey	Own	174 Duane St.	do.
	A. Walden	Occ.		
5	J. Jones	Own.	78 Wall St.	do.
	T. Wright	Occ.		
6	W. Jauncey	Own.	83 Water St.	do.
	S. Abrams	Occ.		
7	T. T. Dunning	Own.	101 do.	do.
	J. L. James	Occ.		

(signed) G. Cuming—City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed—Viz.

[272] For a Well and Pump in 4th Street near Thompson Street and Abraham Baudouine, Benjamin Prince & John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors: for paving Elm Street from Grand to Broome Street and for repaving Washington Street from Cedar Street to near Courtlandt Street and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee & John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors in each.

He also presented Assessments for regulating and paving Washington Street from Dey Street to near Courtland Street and for repaving Cedar Street from Nassau Street to Broadway—which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each: also an Assessment for paving Ludlow Street from Delancey Street to Grand Street —which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

[273] He also presented a communication stating that persons were in the habit of constructing Areas in front of their houses which were dangerous to passengers, and that others were in the practice of enclosing a part of the Side walk with a railing for various purposes, which practices in his opinion deserved the consideration of the Board: Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee of Laws.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Joseph Houston, Reported:

That they have heard Mr. Houston and Mr. Simpson, the City Sealer, in relation to this case, and, taking the City Sealer's statement as correct that 16 out of 18 of Mr. Houston's weights were light, they do not see with what propriety he can be relieved, altho' the Committee are convinced that there was no intention of fraud on the part of Mr. Houston who sustains a fair character. Resolved that it [274] is inexpedient to remit the fine imposed on Mr. Houston.

(signed) Sam^{l} Stevens
" B. Crane
" J. Morss
" T. Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the account of the Attorney, Reported:

That they have examined the same and find that they are made out in conformity to the Standing Resolutions of the Board.

(signed) S. Stevens
" J. Morss
" B. Crane
" T. Bolton

which report was directed to be filed in the Clerk's Office and the account of the Attorney in the Office of the Comptroller.

[275] The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Peter R. Pearsall, reported as their opinion that said petition should be granted and offered the following resolution:

Resolved that Peter R. Pearsall be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain.

(signed) David Board
Leonard Kip

which was approved, the resolution adopted and he was appointed accordingly.

A resignation of said Peter R. Pearsall of his appointment of City Weigher was presented and accepted.

A resignation of Oliver Hallsted of his appointment of Measurer of Grain was also presented and accepted.

The Special Committee, on the subject of rebuilding the Battery, presented a report and among others recommended the following resolution:

1. Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a petition to the Legislature, together with a Law authorizing [276] the Corporation to assess on the real and personal estate in this City a sum not exceeding 150,000 dollars to be applied to the rebuilding and regulating the Battery, said sum to be collected in instalments of 25,000 dollars each year and to be apportioned by the Supervisors of the County among the several wards as in their judgment will be just and equitable, and also authorizing the Corporation to borrow the

whole or any part of the said sum of 150,000 dollars, for the payment of which the proceeds of said tax shall be pledged."

A motion was made to strike out the following words ' And to be ' apportioned by the supervisors of the County among the several ' wards as in their judgment will be just & equitable.'

The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The Ayes and Nays, having been called by Al- [277] derman Taylor, were as follow:

Negative. Aldermen Morss, McQueen, Mann, Taylor, Allen. Messrs. Crane, Westervelt, Parker, Brittain Board, Hammond. 11.

Affirmative. Aldermen Hone King Messrs. Bolton, Stevens, Tallman 5.

It was then moved that the resolution be divided and the question taken on the First part ending at the words ' regulating the Battery ' —which was agreed to.

The question being taken on the said first part of the Resolution, it passed in the negative. The ayes & nays, having been called by Mr. Hammond, were as follow:

Negative. Aldermen Morss, McQueen, Allen. Messrs. Tallman, Crane, Westervelt, Parker, Brittain, Board, Hammond. 10.

Affirmative. Aldermen Hone, King, Mann, Taylor Messrs. Bolton, Stevens. 6.

[278] It was then moved that the report lie on the Table, which was carried in the Affirmative.

Alderman Allen, from the Committee of Finance, presented the following communication respecting a balance due from the United States to the Corporation for monies paid by them on awards for damages done to lands occupied during the late War as sites for fortifications:

The Finance Committee, having been informed that a large sum of money amounting to 37,422 dollars is due the Corporation by the General Government for awards paid to persons on Long Island and elsewhere for damage done their land in erecting the fortifications during the late war, and it being the opinion of your Committee that the money is justly due the Corporation and that [279] an effort ought to be made for the recovery of the same, they have concluded to recommend to the Board that a respectful memorial be presented to the Congress of the United States and that a person be sent to Washington to make such explanations on the subject as may be deemed necessary, and they propose the following resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a respectful Memorial to the Congress of the United States, praying that a law may be passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to liquidate the accounts of the Corporation for the amount paid in satisfying the claims of persons damaged by erecting the fortifications on Long Island or elsewhere during the late war and also for manning and equipping Gunboats during the said War.

Resolved that the Committee on Finance be authorized to appoint a person to repair to Washington with said Memorial and to give such explanations on the [280] subject of the claim of the Corporation as may be proper and necessary; provided the expence of said mission shall not exceed the sum of 200 dollars.

(signed) S. Allen
" S. P. Brittain
" B. Crane
" J. Hone

which having been read was approved and the resolutions proposed adopted.

The Finance Committee, on the petition for and the remonstrance against filling in Old Slip, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and in order that the parties might have an opportunity of explaining their views more fully to the Committee, two gentlemen on each side of the question were invited and did attend a meeting for the purpose. Your Committee have endeavoured to weigh with candor [281] and impartiality the reasons offered for and the objections against the measure and have concluded as the best opinion they can form that it is inexpedient to fill up said Slip. Without giving any opinion as to the origin of the Fever, whether it is local or imported, your Committee may be permitted to say that the fact of the existence of such a basin as the Old Slip in this City does not prove that yellow or malignant fever is generated by it, any more than by Coenties Slip, Coffee house Slip, Burling Slip, Peck Slip or James' Slip, all of which are nearly the same as to situation and some of them much worse in condition; and if the power of generating yellow fever is good reason for filling up the Old Slip, it will hold equally good for filling up all the others—a measure, it is presumed, too absurd to be seriously recommended.

The cost of carrying the object of the petitioners into effect, in the opinion of your Committee cannot be estimated at a less sum than 30,000 dollars; and, while they [282] are unable to see the necessity of the measure, they are unwilling to burthen the owners of property in the vicinity with an expence so great and that too in opposition to the remonstrance of a large majority of them.

Your Committee beg leave to remind the Board also that one third of the cost for filling Slips is paid from the Public Treasury, and as it is well ascertained that the disbursements for the next year will not only absorb the ordinary Revenue but all that can be obtained through the Legislature, they cannot recommend a measure which will only tend to embarrass the finances of the City without producing any beneficial result.

Your Committee beg leave to suggest one other consideration against the measure referred to their consideration. There is no subject which has been so much insisted on for the last [283] three years and has engaged so much the attention of the Board as that there is a want of Slip room in this City, and, altho' during that period there has been an annual expenditure of 60,000 dollars and more for that purpose and 3 or 4 new Slips have been added to those in public use, we are still occasionally informed that more room is wanted and more money is required to build piers and enlarge the public basins. It would therefore, in the opinion of your Committee, be the worst of policy to comply with the wishes of the petitioners and thereby lessen the Slips on the one hand by filling one of them up, while on the other we are expending a large sum yearly to increase and enlarge them. With these considerations the Committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is at present inexpedient to fill up the Old Slip."

Steph. Allen
Saml Stevens
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[284] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 6th inst	$8.03	
Received for rents	7015.37	
" Tax 1819—9th Ward	700.	
" Canal Street Sewer	500.	
" Excise	55.	8278.40

23 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st dist	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	731.50
Bleakley & Brower— 3d do.	462.
C. D. Colden—Esqr. Mayor—one qr's Salary 2d instant	1750.

Philip Becanon—Inspr of Bread one quarter 10th instant...	100.	
Wm W. Gilbert—error in Assessment of Tax 9th Ward 1818	35.70	
John M. Lester—to pay 9 Peace Officers at City Hall 25th Nov.	13.50	
Joseph P. Simpson—expences for Weights & Measures adjusted	4.87	
Henry Cochran—on account paving Washington Street....	1000.	
[285] John Bailey—on account—paving Varick Street.....	500.	
H. Smith—on acct paving Washington St. from Cedar to Carlisle St.	500.	
C. Mooney—on acct paving Bowery from Broome to North Street	500.	
Abraham Kidney—for inspecting the paving of Streets....	418.25	
Pinkerton & Forgye—on account paving Hammond Street.	200.	
James Meghan—paving Warren St.	200.	
William Mackin—repairg Side walks on public property...	161.99	
William Bailey—on acct regulatg North St. from 2d Avenue to Willet St.	100.	
James Meghan—on account—paving Chamber Street......	100.	
John Gallagher—on account of a Well in Lombardy near Walnut St.	166.	
J. Gallagher—bal. Well in Bancker St.	36.75	
R. Pettigrew—1st instalmt Well in Broome near Clark Street	30.96	
[286] Thos. Barnum—Superintendg Wharves 24 days to 12th Dec.	48.	
George B. Raymond—to pay officers conveying persons to the City prison & Bridewell—3 months to 26th November	140.	8266.77
	Balance	$11.63

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[287] In Common Council Dec. 20. 1819.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Leonard Kip	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Herms Tallman
John Morss	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Judah Hammond
Stephen Allen	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board the Report of the Keeper of the City Prison or Bridewell of the persons confined in said prison, made agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council—which was directed to be filed.

[288] A memorial from sundry Citizens complaining of some of the Auction Sales as injurious to the Morality of the Citizens, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A petition of William Sliter to be permitted to continue a small wooden building of 11 feet in length in which no fire is kept and which is used for a shop to sharpen saws—was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

His Honor the Mayor presented a report made by his direction from the records of his office of the passengers who had arrived in this City since the 2^{d} March 1818 by water designating the countries to which they belong. Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

[289] "A Memorial of Cornelius Ray requesting that the Contractor for opening Lombardy Street may be directed to complete the same was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Underhill and Dusenberry for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A Memorial of the Fire Wardens requesting the Common Council to take into consideration that part of the Ordinance for prevention of fires which directs the Citizens to supply themselves with fire-buckets, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department with the addition to the Committee of Messrs. Stevens and Westervelt.

A petition of Samuel Helms for appointment as Inspector of Firewood at the State Prison Dock was read and laid on the Table.

A petition of Duncan M^{c}Farlane, Baker, [290] praying remission of fine incurred by having Bread lighter than the Standard prescribed by law was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of James Hunt for appointment to the office of Inspector of Firewood was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Richard Stagg for remission of fine for selling liquor on Sunday was read & referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of S. S. Edmonstone, stating that he has invented a machine for sweeping Chimnies and praying to be permitted to use the same was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

The following persons were appointed firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

[291] " Fire Warden of the 3d Ward."

John Van Nostrand—Grocer—78 Murray St. 3d Ward vice John L. Van Kleeck—resigned

" Fire Engine Companies."

No. 6.

Samuel Moore, Carpenter—Grand c. Elizabeth—8th Ward—vice James Dobson—Deceased.

No. 8.

Benjamin Fuller—Shoe Maker—Spring c. Mott—8th Ward vice Valentine Luff—resigned

No. 14.

Henry T. Ramp—Grocer—Barclay c. Church—3d Ward vice Abraham Day—deceased.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of delinquents on an Assessment for paving Broadway from Bleecker to Art Street. Whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed: Viz—for regulating and paving Elm Street from Grand to Broome [292] Street and for paving Washington Street from Cedar toward Courtland Street and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each; also for paving the Bowery from North to Jones Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving part of Barclay & Washington Streets, which were passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors therein.

The Attorney presented the following complaints which had been made to him, which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices: Viz—against William Frost and Raymond Chanfraud, Tavern Keepers, for permitting Gambling in their houses and against Mrs. Freeland for selling Butter wanting in weight.

[293] The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances, which were passed:

1	G. H. Van Wagenen—	Own. or Agt.	44 Dey St.	a privy
	J. B. Montgomery	Occ.		
2	William Beers	Own.	Thompson St.	A Lot.

(signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspr

The Counsel presented a memorial to Congress requesting payment of advances made in defence of the Third Military District during the late War, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Market Committee, on the petition of Stephen Burdett for Stall No. 14 Washington Market, Reported the following:

" Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted."

(signed) H. Tallman
L. Kip
S. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[294] The same Committee, on the petition of Isaac Valentine for Stall No. 1 Gouverneur Market, reported the following:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(signed) H. Tallman
L. Kip
S. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Joshua S. Place, reported the following:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(signed) H. Tallman
L. Kip
S. Allen
J. J. Westervelt
J. Hone

which was approved and the resolution proposed adopted.

[295] The Committee on Arts and Sciences, on the petition of Richard Lough, reported:

That they have had repeated interviews with Mr. Lough, who has explained to them fully the objects he has in view, the particulars of which are detailed in the draught of a contract which is herewith submitted. The Committee are of opinion that it is expedient to enter into a contract with him embracing the substance of what is contained in that contract. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a contract with Richard Lough embracing the substance of the one herewith submitted, making such alterations therein as the Committee on Arts and Sciences may deem expedient, & report the same to this Board at their next meeting for their approbation.

(signed) R. M^{c}Queen
J. Hone
J. B. Taylor

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[296] The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Martin Okie to be appointed Inspector of Firewood, reported the following resolution:

Resolved that Martin Okie be and is hereby appointed a Wood Inspector.

(signed) D. Board
L. Kip

which was adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the communication from Samuel D. Craig Esqr. respecting the binding of Witnesses on Penal actions by recognizances to appear & testify—reported:

That in the opinion of the Committee such a measure would be both impolitic and unwise. They nevertheless are satisfied that frauds are practised to a considerable extent.

They therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Attorney of [297] the Board be and he is hereby instructed to enforce the 96th Section of the Act to reduce several laws relating to the City of New York into one act, in such cases as he may think proper, against all delinquent witnesses in all suits hereafter to be commenced in the name of the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty for fines or penalties in any Justice's Court, so as to compel the attendance of such witnesses and every of them.

(signed) J. Hammond
S. Allen
J. B. Taylor

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee on the subject of increasing the price of Excise Licences, reported:

That in the opinion of the Committee so much of the foregoing Resolution as goes to increase the maximum price ought to be carried into effect. They therefore respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be in- [298] structed to prepare the draught of a law and also a petition to the Legislature so to amend the 4th Section of the Act entitled " An Act to lay a duty on strong or spirituous liquors and for regulating Inns and Taverns." that the maximum price of the Excise licence in the City of New York may be raised from 50 to 100 dollars, and further that the Commissioner of Excise in the said City be authorized to receive, together with the sum paid to him for each excise licence to be hereafter granted by him from the person receiving such licence, the further sum of 100 cents as a fee to the said Commissioner for granting such licence, to be paid to him before the issuing of such licence, in lieu of his present Salary.

(signed) J. Hammond S. Allen
J. B. Taylor J. P. Anthony

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[299] The same Committee, to whom was referred the resolution respecting the alteration of the Charter and Statutes so as to relieve the Mayor from his duties as Judge of the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas and for appointing a First Judge of the County to perform those duties, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration. Alderman Allen presented a resolution directing a Clause to be added to the Bill above proposed, to repeal so much of the Act of April 20. 1818 as authorizes any of the Aldermen to execute the act for relief against absconding and insolvent debtors, which was also laid for consideration, and the Clerk was directed to cause the said report & Resolution to be printed for the use of the members.

The Committee of Charity, on the Memorial of the Committee of the Humane Society, reported:

That your Committee believe it is well known to every member of this Board that the Humane Society has been established [300] in this City for many years. It was first organized for the purpose of giving food and other aid to suffering prisoners confined in the gaol of this City, and the benefits of the Institution have since been extended by the Managers by the gratuitous distribution of Soup to the indigent. The Managers convinced of the utility of this Charity are still desirous of continuing their exertions for relieving the Prisoner and the indigent poor, but from the pressure of the times they find that many of the sources from which they have hitherto received aid have now failed while the calls upon them for assistance have increased. Their funds, it is believed, are not adequate to the expected demands of the ensuing winter and they ask for pecuniary aid. The Committee are of opinion that the request of the Society ought to be granted and they beg leave to [301] offer the following resolution:

Resolved that a Warrant issue for 300 dollars in favor of the Treasurer of the Humane Society of this City, to be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(signed) S. Parker
T. Bolton
D. Board

which was approved, the resolution adopted and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of John Anderson, Reported:

That on an investigation of this subject they are satisfied no direction has been given the said Anderson prejudicial to the interest of the work he had undertaken to complete, but that the difficulties he has experienced have arisen from his own improper measures, in the first instance by commencing the building of the Blocks before [302] the Contract was executed or an examination of them was had by the Superintendant or Street Commissioner, and in the second, as the Committee believe, from an imperfect knowledge of the bottom of the River.

The contract with the said Anderson binds him to complete the pier alluded to on the 1st of October last in such manner as is therein described, and that the work shall be approved by the Committee and Street Commissioner and be upheld and kept in repair by the Contractor for 8 months thereafter; by which it is evident that not only the risk in sinking the Blocks but the stability of the whole work for a period of 8 months is to be borne and supported by the person making the Contract and that these risks were to be taken into calculation in estimating the amount of cost.

[303] The Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the subject of a reference is inadmissible. They are willing, however, to accommodate the said Anderson as far as it can be done with security to the parties concerned, and they are of opinion that the work has so far progressed as to authorize an advance of 200 dollars, and they recommend the following resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to draw on Joshua Jones Esqr. for 200 dollars in favor of John Anderson, as part of the amount to be paid by said Jones toward building the pier at the foot of Vesey Street.

(signed) S. Parker
J. B. Taylor
S. Stevens
G. B. Thorp
J. Morss

which was approved and the resolution proposed was adopted.

[304] The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Silvanus Miller, Surrogate of the City & County of New-York, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration.

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be instructed to take into consideration the propriety of presenting a petition to the Legislature praying the passage of a Law to extend the Lamp District to 13th Street from River to River.

Alderman Allen presented the following which was adopted (and he, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, was added to the Committee therein mentioned:)

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Streets to enquire if any and, if any, what alteration is necessary in the method at present pursued in sweeping the Streets and [305] removing the Manure, and also whether the public convenience will not be promoted by increasing the number of Districts and suffering no individual to take a contract for more than one district.

Resolved that the Market Committee be requested to direct the Butchers of the several markets not to exhibit meat for sale on Wednesday next, the day appointed by the State Executive as a day of thanksgiving & prayer, and that the Markets be kept during the whole day of Tuesday next.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 13th inst	11.63	
Received for tax of 1819—5th Ward	1000.	
" " Common Lands	3021.26	
" " Streets	8365.52	
" " Wells & Pumps	276.50	12,674.91

22 Accounts Audited.

Andw McCready—Keeper of Park—one month 1st instant	45.
[306] Wm Slosson—Chancery fee—Richard Varick vs. Corporation	50.
P. A. Jay—Chancery fee—Richard Varick vs. Corporation	50.
John W. Wyman—Clerk of Sessions—to pay 7 Witnesses	63.

Thos. Scott—on acct paving Dey St. from Greenwich St. to Washington St.	500.	
Jno. Sloan—on acct regg Amity St.	500.	
Hugh Smith—on acct regg Grand St. between Forsythe & Suffolk Sts.	500.	
Pinkerton & Forgye. on acct paving Cedar St. from Greenwich St. to Bulkhead	400.	
C. Mooney—on acct of Bowery from Broome to North Street	400.	
Terence Tiffany—bal. regg Sheriff St.	294.46	
George Lovett—on acct regg West St. from Fulton to Dey St.	250.	
H. Cochran—on acct pavg Washington St. from North Moore to Watts St.	200.	
H. Smith—on acct pavg Greenwich St. from Albany to Carlisle St.	100.	
[307] H. Smith—on acct pavg Greenwich St. from Cedar to Albany St.	100.	
J. Targee & Associates for assessing Washington & Greenwich Streets	63.	
J. Targee & Associates—assessing expence of Canal St. Sewer	625.	
A. Corning & Legrand Jarvis—for surveys maps & Assessment list for Canal St. Sewer	529.33	
J. Randell Jr. on acct maps &c. 9th Ward	410.	
J. P. Roome—Supt reprs. for Repairs	1010.	
Richd Furman—Suptdt of Alms' house for work 3d Avenue	1000.	
Richd Furman—Superintt of Alms' house	5000.	12,589.79
	Balance	$85.12

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[308] In Common Council Dec. 27. 1819

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Herms Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjn Crane
Asa Mann	J. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	S. Parker
George B. Thorp	S. P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	D. Board
	J. Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The following Communication was presented by the Comptroller & ordered to be filed:

The Comptroller respectfully reports that the Communication from the new Loan Officers, which was re- [309] ferred to him on the 22^{d} November last, has not been acted on, from an impression that the examination of their books and papers could only be made by the Board of Supervisors agreeably to the 2^{d} Section of an Act of the Legislature passed the 12th of March last. He, therefore, respectfully suggests the propriety of having the Books of Accounts, minutes and vouchers of the Loan Officers submitted to the inspection of the Board of Supervisors.

(signed) G. N. Bleecker—Compt^{r}

A petition of Walter W. Townsend, for appointment of City Measurer, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

An Account of Jacob Hays for expences of an express to apprehend Robert M. Goodwin, amounting to 40 dollars, was referred to the Police Committee with authority to audit the account and, if allowed by them, that a Warrant issue for payment of the same.

[310] A petition of John Brown, Cartman, for remission of fine for employing more than one cart was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of the inhabitants of James Street, complaining of the Street being kept closed for the purposes of constructing a Vault in the Street by a Mr. Lambert, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

An Invitation from the Society for prevention of pauperism to the Common Council to attend the Annual meeting of the Society on Wednesday next was read and accepted. Several numbers of a report to the managers of the Society by their Committee on Idleness and Sources of employment were presented to the Board for the use of the members.

[311] The following person was appointed a Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

Fire Engine Company No. 19.

Henry Fisher—carman—1 Allen St. 10th Ward vice Henry Willet—resigned.

A Communication was received from Thomas Franklin, Chief Engineer, accompanied with the Annual Return of the Department with the names of the Engineers, Firemen, Fire Wardens, the places of deposit of the Fire Engines, with their implements and the condition of the same—which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances, for correction of 15 Nuisances, which were passed:

1	Heirs of N. Bayard S. N. Bayard	Own. Agt.	Rhynder St.	a Lot
2	J. J. Lockwood	Les. & Occ.	do.	do.
3.	J. Beekman—agent to estate of Abraham K. Beekman		Rhynder c. Hester	do.
4.	[312] Jas. & W^{m} Sterling Sterling & Bonner	Own. Occ.	43 South St.	a privy
5	Jas. R. Stuart	Les. & Occ.	50 do.	do.
6	Joshua Jones James D. Wolf Jr.	Own. Occ.	54 do.	do.
7	H. A. Coster M. Wheeler	Own. Occ.	79 Front St.	do.
8	T. Egerton D. Graham	Own. Occ.	83 do.	do.
9	J. Linkliter	Own. & Occ.	85 do.	do.
10	Robert M^{c}Cormic	do. & do.	89 do.	do.
11	J. Jones L. Long	Own. Occ.	99 do.	do.
12	J. Jones	Own.	101 do	do.
13	B. Bailey Bailey & Russel	Own. Occ.	107 do.	do.
14	Henry Abell	Les.	Rivington St.	a Lot
15	Alex^{r} L. Stewart	Own.	Thompson St.	do.

(signed) G. Cuming, City Insp^{r}

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed:

For a Well and pump in Walker Street [313] near Church Street, for a Well and pump in Laurens Street near Spring Street and for a Well and pump in Spring Street near Thompson Street and Abraham Baudouine, Benjamin Prince and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

He also presented the following Assessments, which were confirmed: for a Well & Pump in Lombardy Street near Walnut Street, and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector; for regulating and paving Liberty Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead, for regulating Bleecker Street and Herring Street from McDougall to Carmine Street, for paving Barclay Street from Washington to West Street, and for repaving Washington St. from Barclay to Vesey Street —and John G. Betts was appointed Collector in each.

He also presented returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments: for paving Carlisle Street, for paving Cedar Street, for paving [314] Washington Street, from North Moore to Watts Street, for paving Washington Street from Cedar to Carlisle Street, for paving Greenwich Street from Cedar to Albany Street and for paving Greenwich Street from Albany Street toward Carlisle Street—and a Warrant was ordered to issue to John G. Betts for collecting the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for paving the Bowery from Broome to North Street, and a Warrant was ordered to issue to Morris De Camp for collecting the same.

He also presented a profile of Dover Street and one of Gold Street between Beekman and Fulton Streets to be laid before the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for improving those Streets: which profiles were approved & confirmed.

[315] The Counsel presented the following:

The Counsel herewith respectfully submits for execution a deed to William H. Ireland and a deed to Leonard Kip and Henry E. Ingraham. These deeds are for parts of two lots of land fronting on Dey Street between Washington and West Streets which were purchased by Philip Brasher and James Farlie from the Corporation but for which they have not received a deed, and the deeds now submitted are made out as before mentioned at their request.

Also a Contract with Richard Lough for lighting the City with gas, which has been prepared in pursuance of an order of the Board.

Also a Law relative to the Excise and a Memorial to the Legislature.

(signed) O. Edwards, Counsel.

Whereupon Ordered that the said deeds be duly executed, that the Contract with Lough, as amended be executed, and that the Memorial be duly authenticated and transmitted, together [316] with the Bill to the Legislature at their ensuing Session.

The Watch Committee presented a communication respecting Reuben Clark, Captain of City Watch, incapacitated in their opinion from performing the duties of Captain of the Watch by the loss of one of his legs, which was read and laid for consideration.

The Finance Committee presented a report on the Finances of the City, which was read, laid for consideration and directed to be printed for the use of the members.

The same Committee, on the petition of the Reverend John Hanning & Alexander, his son, reported:

That they are informed and believe that the petitioners have kept a respectable school in said tenement for nearly two years, and it being [317] the opinion of your Committee that the neighbourhood are accommodated by said School and that the rent paid by the petitioners is equitable in amount, they recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(signed) S. Allen J. Hammond
" S. P. Brittain B. Crane
" J. Hone.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Underhill and Dusenberry, reported:

That the petitioners have incurred the penalty established by law for selling liquor without the excise licence. On examining into the circumstances attending this case, the Committee have been fully satisfied that the offence has not proceeded from design but from an unjustifiable neglect in applying for a licence. The Committee feel satisfied that no similar cause of [318] complaint will ever obtain against the petitioners. They beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the penalty incurred by the petitioners for selling wine or other liquor without a licence (so far as this Corporation are interested in such penalty) be remitted on payment of costs.

(signed) T. Bolton
S. Allen
S. Stevens
G. B. Thorp

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the report of the Attorney of complaints against William Frost and Raymond Chanfraud, reported:

That they think it proper that the Attorney should proceed on the within complaints if he has the necessary evidence to substantiate them.

[319] They therefore offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Attorney proceed on the within complaints, if he has the proofs necessary to substantiate them.

(signed) S. Stevens
B. Crane
J. Morss
T. Bolton

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Attorney, complaining that his fees against the Street Contractors had not been paid, Reported:

That during the past season a great number of complaints were made against the Street Contractors and in the early part of the Season they were much harrassed by them. The Board then directed that no suits be commenced against them unless under the direction of this Committee. The Committee, considering that the Contractors were performing their contract to the utmost of their power, [320] directed the Attorney to inform the Contractors when any complaints were made against them but to commence no suits without the direction of the Committee. Under these instructions the Attorney communicated from time to time the various complaints to the Contractors. It is for this service, principally, of entering the complaints and communicating the notices to the Contractors that the Attorney renders his Bill of about 315 dollars. It is proper to observe that this Bill is made out in conformity to the letter of the standing Resolution of the Board. The circumstance of there being a large number of these complaints and a general direction that there be no suits commenced and the fact that several of these complaints were usually included in one note or notice is probably sufficient to make it proper that the [321] Bill should be made up on other principles than charging $5. in each case.

But your Committee are decidedly of opinion that, whether the whole or part of this is paid, the Street Contractors should be relieved from the payment of it altogether.

The Contractors have already paid the Court costs in all the suits commenced against them, and a variety of circumstances have rendered their Street contract a very losing concern. Under all the circumstances, your Committee would offer the following resolutions.

Resolved that the Street Contractors be relieved from the payment of the Attorney's fees mentioned in this Report.

Resolved that the Attorney be allowed the sum of One hundred and fifty dollars for the fees on the complaints against the Street Contractors mentioned in this report.

(signed) S. Stevens. J. Morss. B. Crane.

which was approved, the resolutions adopted & a Warrant directed to be reported for payment thereof.

[322] The Committee of Assessments, on the petition of E. Wheaton to remit part of the tax assessed on a School House No. 163 Chatham Street, reported:

That they see no reason why School houses should be exempt from paying taxes when they are built by an individual for his own interest. Your Committee know of no such law which entitles the petitioner to such a claim, nor can they think it reasonable. Therefore your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to remit any part of the tax assessed on the school house of E. Wheaton.

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
J. Morss
J. P. Anthony
Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution proposed adopted.

[323] The same Committee, on the petition of John G. Bogart, Reported:

That they have had the Collector with the books before them and in examining the books and other papers they are fully satisfied, in their minds, that the tax is not paid. Your Committee, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to remit the tax which was assessed on the property of John G. Bogart in the year 1812.

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
J. Morss
J. P. Anthony.

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Junius Hatch, reported:

That they have faithfully enquired into the circumstances set forth in the petition and are of opinion that the complaint is well grounded and that ⅔s. of the tax ought to be remitted. Therefore your [324] Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Collector collect ⅓ of the tax assessed on him for the year 1819 & that ⅔ be remitted.

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
J. Moss
J. P. Anthony
T. Bolton

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the petition of William Sleter, reported:

That they have examined the building, that the matters set forth in his petition are true, and they are of opinion the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. They respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of William Sleter be granted.

(Signed) J. P. Anthony
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[325] The same Committee, on the petition of the Fire Wardens respecting Fire buckets, Reported:

That your Committee have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that Fire Buckets may be dispensed with, as the general use of hose supersedes the use of them. They respectfully offer the following Ordinance:

Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened, That so much of the Law for preventing and extinguishing fires passed the 5th day of May 1817 as relates to Fire Buckets be and the same is hereby repealed.

(signed) J. P. Anthony
H. Tallman
J. J. Westervelt
S. Stevens

which was approved & the Ordinance read & passed.

The same Committee, on the petition of the Trustees of the New York Free School [326] Society, Reported:

That your Committee have had the petition under consideration and are of opinion, as this Board gives them the use of the room and have not consented to the expence they have incurred by putting up the said Blinds, that it would be establishing a bad precedent to pay the said Bill and therefore the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. They respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the Trustees of the New York Free School Society ought not to be granted.

(signed) J. P. Anthony
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Street Committee and Counsel, to whom was referred back their report on the communication of the Counsel respecting Lispenard Street, [327] reported in favor of continuing said Street to Broadway. The question being taken thereon, it passed in the negative.

The Street Committee, on the petition for extending M^cDougall Street, Reported:

That they have been informed by Mr. Ireland & by Mr. Ludlow, thro' whose land the extension of M^cDougall Street must pass (as prayed for by the petitioners) that they are ready and willing to cede the land that will be requisite for said Street. They, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a deed of cession for that purpose and to see it executed.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss.

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[328] The same Committee, on the petition for extending Grand Street, reported that the same ought to be done & offered the following Resolution:

Resolved that Grand Street be opened and extended from Laurens to Sullivan Street, of the same breadth as it is at present at Laurens Street, and that the Counsel be instructed to take measures to carry the same into effect.

(signed) J. B. Taylor
A. Mann
S. P. Brittain
S. Parker
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Duncan McFarlan, reported:

That they have heard Mr. McFarlan and also the Inspector who seized the Bread, and the Committee are under the painful [329] necessity of saying that Mr. McFarlan has not even the shadow of claim for relief.

They think the penalty ought to be enforced & they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

(signed) T. Bolton
S. Allen
S. Stevens
G. B. Thorp

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented "A Law to amend a Law making provision for the redemption of the City Stock" which was read & passed.

Alderman Morss presented "a Law to amend a Law entitled a Law to regulate Sales at auction in the City of New York"—which was read and passed.

A Resolution was presented referring to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature [330] to enquire into the expediency of applying for a law to appoint a Commissioner to hold sittings in the City of New York on issue joined in the Supreme Court. Whereupon the same was laid on the Table.

On motion of Alderman Allen.

Resolved that John Fleming Esqr. be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer or Chamberlain for this City for the ensuing year, and that he give the requisite sureties to be approved by the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Comptroller.

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to cause a Letter of Attorney to be duly executed to the agent appointed by the Finance Committee to proceed to Washington on the subject of the claim of this Corporation against the United States.

[331] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 20th inst.	85.12	
Recd for tax 1819—2d 7th 10th Wards	3000.	
" " Streets	4350.	7435.12

18 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st district	1167.25	
Hibberd & Clarke do. 2d do.	731.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.	
Jno. Jackson Jr. examing reports & making register of Alien passengers	118.	
B. W. Rogers—Treasr Humane Society	300.	
L. Kip Esqr. 17 Casks Oil bought of Alexander Ray	1522.90	
C. Mooney—on acct paving Bowery from Broome to North St.	500.	
H. Cochran—on acct pavg Washington St. from No Moore to Watts St	300.	
Pinkerton & Forgye—on acct. pavg B'Way	300.	
James Meghan—balance paving lower end of Chamber St.	213.86	
Pinkerton & Forgye—paving lower end of Cedar St	200.	
Jno. Bailey. on acct pavg Varick St	200.	
[332] Hugh Smith. on acct. pavg Carlisle St	200.	
Pet. Debaun. on act reg. McDougal St	150.	
H. Smith—on act pav. Washington St. from Dey toward Courtland St	100.	
Jno. Bailey—on act pav. Harrison St	100.	
C. Corbley do. do. Essex St	100.	
Jas. Meghan—for earth along side public ground in Collect St.	22.50	6688.01
	Balance	$747.11

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[333] In Common Council Jan. 3. 1820.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Leonard Kip	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Benjamin Crane
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	William A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond.

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been served with a subpœna from the Court of Chancery, in a Suit instituted in that Court by Herman Le Roy and others against the Corporation: that Mr.

Jones had proposed in a letter accompanying the subpœna that [334] the Corporation should employ a Solicitor to appear in the Suit and that he should be instructed to receive a notice of a motion for an application to the Chancellor for an injunction and to argue before the Chancellor the question whether an injunction should issue. It was thereupon

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board appear to the said Bill and assent to the proposition of Mr. Jones, if in the judgment of the Counsel it would be to the interest of this Board so to do.

An account of Judah Hammond Esqr. late Public Administrator, with the Corporation was presented & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Silvanus J. Penniman respecting a penalty incurred by him for laying his vessel in the Fly Market [335] Slip, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants in the vicinity of the Bowery and First Street complaining of depredations committed there in the night and praying a watchman may be stationed there, was read & referred to the Watch Committee with power.

A memorial of Thomas Lovett respecting his contract for filling & regulating Dey Street from Washington Street to the Bulkhead was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A memorial from Christopher Blockberger on the subject of the great decay of spiles used in Bulkheads and recommending a remedy for the same, was read & referred to the Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A communication was received from the Reverend Mr. Stanford, giving a statement [336] of his services and of the condition of the Schools &c. at Bellevue, was read, and so much of the same as related to the education of poor children was referred to the Committee on the subject of making laws &c. for the penitentiary. The Report was ordered to be filed, and it was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to report a compensation to Mr. Stanford for his services.

A Report was received from the Collector of Arrearages of taxes, accompanied with a list of delinquents—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Thompson Street from Spring to Broome Street—which was confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

[337] He also, on the petition of the inhabitants in the vicinity of James Street complaining that said Street was encumbered by a Mr.

Lambert for the purpose of constructing a Vault, reported that the necessary measures having been first taken to remedy the evil and the regulations thereof having, to his regret, not been complied with, he had reported the case to the Attorney of the Board.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee & Street Commissioner with power.

He farther presented a communication, stating that the side walks in the Bowery, on account of regulating & paving therein, were in an impassable state, and recommending that an Ordinance be passed compelling the delinquents to pay for the contemplated regulation by having the expence assessed on them respectively—which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

The Committee on the petition of S. S. Ed- [338] monston, Reported:

That Mr. Edmonston has explained to them the principles of his Machine and they are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. Therefore

Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant Mr. Edmonston permission to use his Machine for the purpose of cleaning chimneys and that he be allowed to demand and receive the same compensation as is allowed by law.

(signed) Robert M^{c}Queen
John Hone

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department, to whom was referred the report of the Chief Engineer, Reported:

That your Committee concur in the recommendation of the Chief Engineer so far as relates to Old [339] Engine No. 24 and the Hose attached to her and 40 Buckets being deposited at the New Alms' House. They respectfully offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be, and he is hereby directed to cause Old Engine No. 24 and the hose attached to her to be put in good repair and also 40 buckets of those belonging to this Corporation to be deposited at the New Alms House.

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
Robert M^{c}Queen

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

The Counsel, on the petition of William Craig, Reported: That Edward Rogers left a Will which has been duly proved & recorded in the Office of the Surrogate of this City:

That George Hall was appointed his Executor and that George Hall has duly authorized William Craig to receive the balance due from the Corporation on account of Edward Rogers' estate. The Counsel [340] therefore recommends that the Comptroller be instructed, upon receiving the usual Bond of indemnity, to prepare a Warrant in favor of William Craig for the balance due from the Corporation on account of the estate of Edward Rogers.

(signed) Ogden Edwards, Counsel.

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to prepare a Warrant in favor of Mr. Craig for the balance due from the Corporation on account of the Estate of Edward Rogers, upon receiving the usual Bond of indemnity.

The Attorney presented sundry reports on complaints submitted to him—which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature on dividing the Mayor's duties and the [341] resolution presented by Alderman Allen on appointing a First Judge of this County, which had been laid for consideration on the 20th of December last, were called up and agreed to in the words following:

'Report of the Committee.'

In the opinion of your Committee it is a matter of much moment to the good people of this City to have a permanent First Judge, of competent abilities, to preside in their Court of Common Pleas.

In the formation of this opinion your Committee have not been influenced by any personal inducements. Their deliberations have been guided by considerations grounded on principles of practical utility and the necessities of the people; and they wish expressly to be understood that this report is not intended to have any personal bearing. On the contrary, your Committee are of opinion that the season of peace and prosperity, when the morals of the people are pure and reason unobstructed in her course, [342] is the most fit time to establish the foundations of an independent judiciary.

In the completion of this end, it was in the opinion of your Committee very desirable to avoid any increase of the public burdens, already much too great; and, in the consideration which they have been enabled to give the subject, it has appeared to them that the best mode of obtaining the object sought for will be by relieving the Mayor from the duty of presiding as First Judge in the Court of Sessions, the Court of Common Pleas and also from holding the Court of Exchequer: that the Recorder should preside in the Sessions, and that there should be appointed a First Judge in & for the City and County of New York, to preside in the Court of Common Pleas and to hold his office during good behaviour or until 60 years of age, [343] and also to have the like powers as a Commissioner as the Recorder: and that the organization and style of those Courts should respectively remain as they are now, except as to the presiding judges: that in the sickness, absence or inability of the First Judge, the Recorder should preside in the Court of Common Pleas, and in case of the sickness, absence or inability of the Recorder, the First Judge should preside in the Court of Sessions.

Your Committee are aware that this system will not give permanency to the Presiding Judge in the Court of Sessions, but they have not perceived that the public voice has yet been exerted to that purpose & they have not deemed it expedient to go farther than public sentiment seemed to require.

They have also considered the subject in regard to the compensation to be secured to the First Judge & the Recorder, and it appears to them that, in consequence of relieving the Mayor from his judicial duties [344] in those Courts, a reduction of 2,000 dollars may reasonably be made in his Salary and given to the Recorder as a compensation for his services in the Sessions, and that the fees of first motions in the Court of Common Pleas be taken from the Recorder and given to the First Judge, which, with the usual fees for chamber business, will it is supposed be a sufficient compensation to these officers. Your Committee therefore respectfully submit the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a law in conformity with the foregoing Report, and also the usual petition to the Legislature praying that the same may be passed.

(signed) J. Hammond
S. Allen
J. P. Anthony.

The Resolution presented by Alder- [345] man Allen was as follows:

Resolved that the Counsel be farther instructed to insert a clause in the Bill to be prepared on the subject of appointing a First Judge of this County &c. repealing so much of the Act, passed on the 20th of April 1818, as authorizes any of the Aldermen of this City, as Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, to execute the Act for relief against absconding & absent debtors and the act for relief in cases of insolvency.

Alderman Allen presented the following:

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to pay to the Contractors for building the Sewer in Canal Street a Bond for 22,032 dollars 45 cents, being the balance due them on said contract, and that such bonds bear interest from the 27th of December last and be executed in the usual manner by the President of this Board.

Which being read was agreed to.

[346] On motion of Alderman Hone, the Report of the Special Committee on the Battery of the 13th December 1819 was called up, an amendment proposed by Alderman Allen agreed to, and, after some discussion, the consideration thereof was postponed until the 1st day of June next and the Committee discharged.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury Dec. 27	$747.11	
Received for Rents	1011.05	
" Streets	3650.	
" Commutn Alien passengers	445.	5853.16

25 Accounts Audited.

Benj. Crane—Stationary 6 mo. 1 inst	154.87
J. Morton—examing 18 Vols. Minutes engrossing resns & Ordinances	25.
Saml Hutchings—St. Insp. 1 mo. 1st inst	62.
Jonn Pinckney do. do.	62.
Abm Ackerman do. do.	62.
Geo. Mills—Asst Bd of Health do.	62.
[347] B. Hicks—Asst Bd of Health 1 mo. 1st inst	62.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspector " "	54.
Obadh Ayres do. " "	54.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers " "	60.
Dan. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field " "	46.50
Dibble & *Licks* [Likes]—reprg. hose for engines	201.65
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps—one month—1st instant	746.96
C. Mooney—on acct pavg Bowery from North to Jones Street	800.
John Quick—regulg Washington St. from Watts to Spring Street	789.15
C. Mooney—on acct paving Bowery from Broome to North Street	500.
Pinkerton & Forgye,—on account paving Hammond Street	200.
Jno. Sloan—on acount—regulating Amity Street	200.
Jno. Bailey. on account—regulating and paving Varick Street	100.
Jno. Bailey—on acct. pavg Harrison St	100.
John Gallagher—balance for Well in Lombardy Street	66.
[348] Wm Westerfield—Superintg building of Sewer in Canal St	593.25
Jeremiah Pangburn—Supg Greenwich Sewer	154.

Alpheus Sherman, fees agst. the Street Contractors........	150.	
Francis B. Winthrop—Treasur^r City Dispensary—annual donation	500.	5,805.38
	Balance	$47.78

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[349] In Common Council Jan^y 10. 1820

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor—President.
P. A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen
E. W. King
J. P. Anthony
J. Morss
R. M^{c}Queen
Asa Mann
J. B. Taylor
G. B. Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Sam^l Stevens
Herm^s Tallman
Benj^n Crane
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
S. P. Brittain
Daniel Board
W. A. Davis
Judah Hammond

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of William Lambert for a cistern in front of No. 77 James Street, and of Samuel Martin & others for one in First Street near the First Avenue, were read and referred [350] to the Aldermen and Assistants of the Wards and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Carlo Galiardine for some employment under the Corporation, was referred to the Committee on Applications.

Petitions from James Buckmaster, George Betts, John Campbell, Ebenezer Burling and C. Gay for appointment as Clerks to the District Courts about to be established in this City; from William Pearsall for appointment of City Measurer; from John Knapp for appointment of Weighmaster with permission to erect Hay Scales near Fort Gansevoort, were severally referred to the Committee on Applications

A petition from William Sanford complaining of Assessment for paving Washington Street, was read & referred to the Committee on Assessments.

[351] A petition of Elizabeth Allen, praying that part of the funds raised by the sale of the property of Margaret Clark deceased, taken possession of by Mr. Whitehead Fish, then Chamberlain of the City, be restored for the support of Mary Clark, the daughter of the said Elizabeth Clark, was read & referred to the Comptroller.

A petition of Henry Webb, praying to have exchange for $3.50 of Corporation Notes defaced, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Sarah Denny respecting an improvement made by her husband William Denny, deceased, in the construction of pumps, was read & referred to the Committee of Charity.

Petitions from White & Willis and from Smith & Mills for remission of fines incurred for selling liquor contrary to law, was read & referred to the Police Committee with power.

A Representation from Peter Myer, stating [352] that in consequence of opening the 8th Avenue there is now a Road on each side of his house and also one from the old road to the 8th Avenue, all within 100 feet of the door of his dwelling, and requesting permission to close the present Cross Road and to open & work 130th Street at his own expence—was referred to the Road Committee with power.

A petition of Thomas McCready, stating that by a mistake in copying the tax book of the 1st Ward he was assessed with $19.35 more than was intended by the Assessors, with certificates from the Assessors and Collector to that effect, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

The following appointments of Fire Wardens and Firemen were made, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

[353] "Fire Wardens of Eighth Ward."

Jas. G. Haviland, mercht. 276 Bowery. 8th Ward vice David Marsh —resigned & exempt.

Martin Wilse, Smith. Elizabeth n. Spring. 8th Ward vice Jonathn Pinkney—resigned & exempt.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Ellison C. Scott—accountt 199 Greenwich St. 3d Ward vice John E. Dunham—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 40."

James Jarvis, Taylor—153 Mulberry St. 8th Ward vice Peleg Olney, resigned.

The Annual report from Benjamin Prince, the Public Administrator, was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The Street Commissioner stated to the Board that while attending to his duty in causing the Streets to be cleared of incumbrances he was compelled to notice the disagreeable situation of the walks around the public buildings, especially during the winter season: that said walks were formerly cleared under [354] direction of the Superintendant of the Alms' house & the Keeper of the Bridewell, and, as the partial clearing of said walks is expensive, tho' imperfectly done, he suggested that some arrangement might perhaps be made to have this service performed by the people in Bridewell. He also suggested the propriety of a resolution authorizing him to cause the snow to be removed from the pavement in front of vacant houses & lots or of such whose owners could not be found. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places with power.

He also presented the following Return of delinquents on sundry Assessments—which were confirmed & Warrants issued to Morris De Camp, Collector, for collecting the same: Viz. For paving Essex Street from Grand to Broome Street; for paving the Bowery from Grand to [355] Broome Street; for regulating Fourth Street from the Bowery to 6th Avenue: for a Well & pump in Henry Street, and for a Well & pump in Arundel near Delancey Street.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating & paving the lower end of Duane and Reade Streets and one for paving part of Sullivan Street—which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Broome near Sullivan Street, which was passed & Abraham Bloodgood, John Brower & Abraham Boudouine were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Market Street from Harman to Cherry Street—which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

The Attorney reported sundry complaints [356] submitted to him—which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Counsel presented for execution a deed to John Suydam of Lots No. 5 and 9, and a deed to Garrit Storm of Lot No. 20 near Washington Market, purchased by them of the Common Council at the public sale under the direction of the Comptroller; which were ordered to be duly executed.

The Council, on the subject of closing part of Oliver Street, presented a communication—which was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

The Road Committee, on the petition of David S. Jones & others, reported:

That the Commissioners who were appointed to assess the amount of benefit and damage in opening the 6th Avenue did award as the [357] amount of damage to the land of Samuel Jones (the Messrs.

Jones) the sum of 73 dollars: but by their subsequent declaration, which is subjoined to this report, state that no allowance was made for surplus earth on account of the uncertainty in which that matter was involved: And, as your Committee have learned by an inspection of the profile, and also by information derived from the Street Commissioner, that an alteration has taken place in the elevation of the Streets &c. in that vicinity (since the report of the Commissioners) which leaves a large surplus of earth on the premises alluded to, the Messrs. Jones having received no compensation for it, your Committee are of opinion that they should have leave to remove the surplus earth in front of their premises on the 6th Avenue. They, therefore, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that Samuel Jones, William Jones, Elbert H. Jones and David S. Jones have leave to remove the surplus [358] earth in front of their land on the 6th Avenue, under direction of the Street Commissioner.

(signed) W. A. Davis
J. Hammond
G. B. Thorp
D. Board.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for correction of the following Nuisance—which was passed: Viz.

1. J. G. or H. A. Coster, Own. Broadway A Lot

(signed) G. Cuming—City Inspr

He also presented the Annual Report of deaths & Interments during the year 1819, with remarks thereon—which was read & 100 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee, on the accounts of the late public Adminis-[359] trator, reported:

That they have examined said Statement and find the balance remaining in his hands belonging to intestate estates on the 30th of December last to be 9237 dollars & 91 cents, and they propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Statement of the Accounts of Judah Hammond Esqr. be filed in the office of the Comptroller.

(signed) S. Allen
S. P. Brittain
B. Crane

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of H. Shelters, reported:

That they have received a Certificate of the Assessors stating the matter set forth by the petitioner is true, that the mistake must have happened by putting down wrong figures or in copying the books and that he ought to pay no more than \$8 $^{60}/_{100}$ [360] and that \$55 $^{90}/_{100}$ ought to be remitted. Your Committee beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that Mr. Henry Shelters pay to the Collector of the 3^{d} Ward \$8 $^{60}/_{100}$ and that 55 $^{90}/_{100}$ be remitted.

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
T. Bolton
E. W. King
J. P. Anthony
J. Morss.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Alderman Thorp, on the subject of rebuilding & regulating the Battery, presented the three following resolutions:

1. Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a petition to the Legislature, together with a Law authorizing the Corporation to assess on the real & personal estate in this City a sum not exceeding 150,000 dollars, to be applied to the [361] rebuilding and regulating the Battery, said sum to be collected in instalments of 25,000 dollars each year and to be apportioned by the Supervisors of the County among the several wards as in their judgment will be just and equitable and also authorizing the Corporation to borrow the whole or any part of the said sum of 150,000 dollars for the payment of which the proceeds of said tax shall be pledged.

2. Resolved that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to cause to be inserted in one or more of the newspapers printed in this City, and also in the paper printed by the printer of this State, a notice of the intention of this Corporation to apply for the aforesaid tax and the object for which it is required, such notice to be in conformity with the laws on that subject.

3. Resolved that on the passage of the law authorizing the aforesaid tax, the Street Commissioner be authorized to enter into contracts, under direction of a [362] Committee to be appointed for that purpose, for building the wall agreeably to the plan and description heretofore submitted and for filling up the space between the contiguous

ground and " for any other matter necessary to complete the whole plan."

The Second resolution was adopted.

On the question of agreeing to the first and third, they were both carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder; Aldermen King, Morss, Taylor, Thorp, Allen; Assistants. Bolton, Stevens, Crane, Davis 10.

Negative. Aldermen Anthony, McQueen, Mann: Assistants Westervelt, Parker, Brittain, Board, Hammond 8.

The former Committee on the subject of the Battery having been at the last meeting discharged, a new Committee was appointed of [363] the following Members: Aldermen Taylor Hone Allen King Morss Thorp & Assistant Brittain

The following resolution was presented & agreed to:

Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be directed to enquire into the expediency of extending the Fire Limits from the intersection of Cherry and Clinton Streets up Clinton Street to Division Street and down Division Street to the Bowery.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the City finances, made December 27, 1819, was called up & read as follows:

The Finance Committee have conceived it to be their duty to lay before the Board the result of their enquiries and [364] examinations into the state of the City Finances. This duty appears to be imposed upon them more from the construction of the City government than from precedent, as it does not appear that heretofore any estimates have been reported to the Board of the probable receipts and expenditures upon which a judgment could be formed of the amount necessary for the disbursements of the next ensuing year. The Committee are of opinion, however, that reports of this tenor are equally as necessary in conducting the financial department of this City as in governments of more extensive territory or of greater population; and until some such system is adopted and regular appropriations are made for every particular item of expenditure and the Board restrained from exceeding such appropriations, financial embarrass- [365] ments will continue to exist and the City Debt will eventually increase until it becomes a burthen on our citizens and a serious injury to their prosperity.

The Committee are not prepared to say that it ought to be considered the duty of the Finance Committee to prepare these annual exhibits; for from their own experience they are satisfied that few men will be found to continue long in an office that requires of them, in addition to other duties, the time and labor necessary, under the present arrangements of the accounts and the scanty means afforded by the Departments, to prepare a statement sufficiently correct to be depended on. The principal object of this Report, however, is not to bring forward any new system of Finance but merely to state the amount of the probable receipts and disbursements for the next year and the means proposed by the Committee to supply the deficiency.

The calculations entered into by the [366] Committee are founded on an average estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the last three years, adding to, and deducting from particular items such sums as their experience and judgment would warrant: which result in the following amounts:

The payments into the Treasury from the ordinary sources of revenue for the year 1820 are estimated at $112,299, and the ordinary expenditures for the same period at $485,776, leaving a deficit in the receipts (see statement A) of	$373,477.00
To which must be added arrears of tax claimed as due the State (see statement B.)	34,789.24
Amount of difference between the Books of the late Comptroller & Treasurer (see C.)	11,967.55
Bills of credit not redeemed 28,950$^{17}/_{100}$ (see D) of which sum it is estimated may be called for	10,000.
[367] Amount of temporary loans on Bond (see statement E)	302,705.40
And for contingencies	14,326.81
Making the total amount of deficit	$747,266.

The means proposed by the Committee for raising this deficit are as follow:

1. A Tax of $250.00, and in addition to add the amount to be paid to Common Schools, the insolvent returns of the present year and the expence of collecting the whole; which together are estimated at	$270,000.
2. To fund in stock bearing an interest of 6 per ct. per annum	400,000.
To which add the bonds issued in part payment for the Sewer in Canal St. and which are to be repaid from the Assessment now in progress	60,000.
And the amount paid for forming the reef at the Battery, to be repaid to the Treasury from a special tax for the purpose	17,266.
Making a total equal to the deficit	$747,266.

The amount already funded being [368] $900,000. the least sum at which the City debt will stand at the close of the next year is $1,300,000.

The Committee have selected two subjects of expence, both of large amount, for the purpose of doing away an impression they believe to be generally entertained that the cost of these improvements are principally, it not altogether, disbursed from the receipts. They refer to the improvements in opening, widening & extending Streets in the City, in opening and working the Avenues and Roads and in repairing, enlarging & otherwise improving the public docks & Slips.

The amount expended more than has been received, agreeably to the account opened in the Comptroller's Book on that subject, for improvements in opening Streets for a period of only 19 months, is \$103,666 $^{90}/_{100}$; and the [369] amount paid on the same principle for surveying, opening and working the Roads and Avenues is \$142,884 $^{11}/_{100}$—(see statement F.)

The Committee are unable to account in a satisfactory manner for the cause of this large difference; but they presume a portion of the amount on Streets arises from the insufficiency of the Assessment in the first instance; from the value of one third of the buildings removed to be paid by the Corporation, and gores of land assessed to them but of little value. And the amount paid on the avenues arises, in some measure, from the same cause, together with the expence for working, for which as yet nothing has been collected from the owners of the property in their vicinity.

The amount paid on docks & slips, more than has been received, for about 5 years, is \$132,058 $^{80}/_{100}$—(see statement G) and is to be accounted for by the annual cost of repairs necessary to the public piers, the purchase of private property for public Slips [370] and the building of new piers in different parts of the City. A deduction ought to be made from this sum, however, of about \$30,000—for filling Dey Street Slip and that now filling at the foot of Charlton Street.

The Committee have proceeded with their estimates on the presumption that no extraordinary expenditure will occur either in the present or the next year: the two expensive improvements, therefore, viz. the new Fly Market and the Battery, are kept out of view; and if the Board should decide to enter on one or both of them, the expence must be provided for from means not taken into calculation by this report.

The Committee have frequently had occasion to remind the Board of the situation of the finances and the increase of the City debt. In [371] 1817 an estimate was entered into for the purpose of ascertaining the probable amount of the receipts and disbursements for the next year; and the result was, that altho' the taxes were increased \$70,000—

there still remained a deficit to be provided for by loans of $107,828: and nearly the same result was produced entered into the succeeding year. The taxes then recommended are now collecting, and the difficulties at that time anticipated by the Committee, and now experienced by the Citizens in their payment, owing to the extraordinary situation of the times, are a sufficient apology for not recommending an increase of their amount. Altho' the results of these estimates were not communicated to the Board in a formal report, it must be within the recollection of the members that they have frequently been brought into view when some favorite improvement was under consideration & urged as a reason why the expence should not be [372] incurred. The sale of public property in 1817-'18 is the cause that the deficits of those years were considerably less than now reported: and the only reason the Committee have to offer for not recommending a larger amount of tax at this time, is the pressure of the times and the consequent inconvenience to those who have to pay them.

The Committee beg leave to recommend to the Board the strictest economy in their expenditures, & that no new expence be entered upon or new improvement undertaken, except such as are absolutely necessary or imperiously called for.

The time for the meeting of the Legislature having nearly arrived, and it being necessary that application should be made to that honorable body authorizing the tax and loan alluded to in this exhibit the Com- [373] mittee propose the following Resolutions:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Bill to be presented to the Legislature, authorizing the Corporation to assess on the real and personal estate in this City the sum of $250,000, and such additional sum as will be sufficient to raise the amount payable to Common Schools and the insolvent returns of the present year, together with the expence of collecting the whole sum.

Resolved that he also be instructed to prepare a Bill authorizing the Corporation to borrow a sum not exceeding $400,000 and to issue for the same certificates of Stock bearing an interest of 6 pct. per annum, payable quarter yearly, and that he report such Bills to this Board, together with respectful petitions to the Legislature for their concurrence.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Judah Hammond
Benjamin Crane
Samuel P. Brittain
John Hone

[374] Whereupon said report was approved and the resolutions proposed adopted. The Statements referred to were as follow:

A

Probable Receipts 1820.		Probable Disbursements 1820.	
Common Lands	$2,153	Alms' house	$120,000
Ground Rent	14,312	Watch	60,000
House Rent	2,919	Lamps	25,000
Water Lot Rent	7,884	Fire Department	15,000
Ferries	10,118	Repairs in City	25,000
Market Cellars	1,013	Streets	10,000
Docks & Slips	32,000	Third Avenue	6,000
Street Manure	7,000	Roads	3,000
Mayoralty fees	1,700	Salaries	34,000
Tavern Licences	7,200	Charities	3,500
Excise Licences	14,000	Execut^{g} Dog Law	500
Vendue Sales (paid by State	10,000	Police Office	6,200
Commutation for Aliens	2,000	Int. on Bonds	18,000
		Comm^{rs} Sts. & Roads	1,500
Carried over	112,299	Docks & Slips	60,000
		County contingencies	28,000
		Free School Society	1,500
		Int. City Stock	54,000

[375]

Probable Receipts		Probable Expenditures	
Brought forward	112,299	Board of Health	2,200
Deficit to be raised by tax or otherwise	373,477	Common Schools	7,376
		Bills of Credit	5,000
	$485,776		$485,776

B

The following sums are claimed by the State Comptroller for arrears of tax due the State:

For the year 1815	$4,978.83
the 6th Ward—O'Neal Collector	8,405.
the year 1816	5,248.40
the year 1817	4,786.99
the year 1818	2,304.32
Interest charged by Comptroller	4,310.97
Am^{t} rec^{d} by Mr. Fish, as per his books, not p^{d} State	6,298.14
	36,332.65
Deduct Commissions allowed for collecting	1543.41
Total amount claimed by the State	$34,789.24

C.

Statement shewing the difference between the books of the late Comptroller & Treasurer:

[376] To Comptroller's balance in the Treasury due by Mr. Fish at the time of his resignation	22,690.51
To sinking fund	12.74
To unclaimed dividends	5,613.50
To state taxes received by him	6,298.14
	34,614.89
Balance due by Mr. Fish as per his books	22,647.35
Difference	11,967.54

Of this difference there has already been discovered as follows:

Warrants not credited him by Comptroller	7,730.
Sundry items twice returned by him & twice charged in his account	781.93
	$8,511.93

As the examination of the books is still incomplete, it is presumed, from the errors already discovered, that the whole amount of difference arises from the same source and will have to be provided for by the Board.

D

Shewing the total amount of Bills of credit issued by authority of the [377] Corporation, what amount is redeemed and the amount still in circulation:

30,100	bills of	1 cent each	$301.
30,100	do. of	2 cents do	602.
30,100	do.	3 do.	903.
109,000	do.	4 do.	4,392.
215,600	do.	6 do.	12,936.
109,800	do.	9 do.	9,882.
211,600	do.	12½ do.	26,450.
239,734	do.	25 do.	59,933.50
132,008	do.	50 do.	66,004.
58,002	do.	75 do.	43,501.50
2,500	Sheets of	$5.50 do.	13,750.
3,601	do.	1.50 do.	5,251.50
1000	do.	2. do.	2000.

Total amount issued	245,906.50
Of which have been cancelled & destroyed	216,956.33
Leaving the amount unr[e]deemed at	$28,950.17

E

Amount of outstanding Bonds, to whom payable and for what purpose issued:

[378] To Mechanics' Bank	185,999.81	borrowed for disbursements.
Richard Varick	26,620.	ground foot of Vesey St.
State of New York	30,000.	purchase of government house.
Peter Schermerhorn	15,000.	purchase of Fulton Slip E. River.
Silas Lord	8,437.61	Award for Canal St.
Ocean Insurance Co	8,590.65	purchase Slip n. Roosevelt St.
David Stebbins	3,441.78	do.
Thos. S. Townsend	1,882.10	do.
Samuel Thorn	625.45	do.
John Hunter	899.17	do.
Henry Overing	899.17	do.
Egbert Benson	2,000.	Ham*ble*[il]ton Square Lots.
Gerardus Kuypers	3000.	loan to defence Committee.
Simeon Remsen	2,641.88	purchase of Burling Slip.
Rem Remsen	2,641.87	do.
Joseph Dederer	4,223.84	Mortgage of Hardenbrook's property.
Peter Bonnett	3,251.33	do.
Elisha King	1,835.	Ham*ble*[il]ton Square lots.
George Talbot	714.68	do.
Total amount	$302,705.40	

F

The following sums have been paid [379] by the Corporation more than has been received on Streets for a period of 19 months, & on Roads & Avenues for a period of years.

For 1st, 4th and 28th Streets	5,049.93
Streets in City from May 1817	96,616.97
1st, 3d, 8th & 9th Avenues	73,897.95
Fixing Monuments, mapping &c	49,103.50
Roads from 1813 to 1819	19,882.66
	$246,551.01

G

The following sums have been paid by the Corporation for the public docks & Slips more than has been received for a period of about 5 years

For the Year 1814	14,780.59
1815	15,961.01
1816	6,895.09

For the Year 1817	2,253.05
1818	56,930.61
1819 to 7th December	35,238.54
	$132,058.89

[380] Mr. Stevens, on the subject of dividing the duties of the Mayor, presented a Resolution, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 3d inst	47.78	
Recd for tax 1819, 1st 5th & 8th Wards	7300.	
" Mayoralty Fees	73.	
" Wells and Pumps	225.	
" Excise	57.	
" Interest on Common Lands	300.90	
" Fines on light flour	63.40	
" Rents	701.87	
" Fines &c. Police Office	83.	
" Arrears of Tax	380.	
" Streets	2354.48	11,786.43

27 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek Watch 1st district	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	731.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
Jno. Vanderbilt Jr. Coroner's fees—1 quarter 1st instant	432.43
[381] O. Edwards—drawing sundry laws &c	124.26
S. Allen Esqr. for Binns' edition of Declaration of Independence, frame & glass, paid to George Kempt	28.
J. Hays, expences apprehendg R. M. Goodwin	40.
Peter Townsend, Clerk Police Office—expences from 17th July to 31 Dec	154.06
P. Bonnett—Int. on Bond—6 mo. 3d inst	113.79
Robt. Provoost—reprg lamps in December	55.22
H. Smith—on acct pavg Liberty St	500.
H. Cochrane—acct pavg Washington St. from North Moore to Watts St	500.
P. Debaun—acct regulating part of Bleecker and Herring Sts.	400.
C. Mooney—acct pavg Orange Street from Broome to Prince Street	300.
T. Scott—acct paving Fulton St. from Washington St. to the River	300.
H. Smith—bal. paving Carlisle St	204.67
H. Smith—acct pavg Greenwich St. between Cedar & Albany Sts.	200.

J. Bailey—acct pavg Varick Street from Vandam to Laight St.	200.	
[382] T. Scott—acct pavg Dey St. from Greenwich to Washington St.	200.	
H. Smith—acct pavg Washington St. between Cedar & Courtland Sts	100.	
Gerard Rutgers—award wideng Grand St.	24.	
Robt. Pettigrew—1st instalt Well in Thompson near 4th Street	42.	
R. Pettigrew—bal. Well in Burton St.	36.33	
Lewis Moore—half expence—repring pier E. side Fulton Slip E. River	932.40	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves & piers—24 days to 9th inst.	48.	
J. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Repairs	490.	
R. Furman Supt of Alms house	4000.	11,785.91
	Balance	$0.52

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[383] In Common Council Jan. 17. 1820.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a Letter from W. K. Armistead, Colonel of Engineers, requesting an estimate of the expence of building a Wall at the Battery in front of the United States' line, to connect the walls that are to be built by the Corporation, [384] and also an estimate of the same made by the Street Commissioner—which were read, and the Mayor requested to forward the said estimate to the Secretary of War.

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund reported as follows:

The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund represent to the Common Council that they herewith present an account by which it appears that there is in their hands a balance to the credit of the said fund of $13,704.50. The price of the City Stock and of other Stock in which the Commissioners are authorized to invest the said balance is at this moment such that the Commissioners deem it would be disadvantageous to invest the said Balance, but they believe there is great probability that there may be in a little time such a change [385] in the Stock Market that the monies in the hands of the Commissioners may be invested with advantage.

The Commissioners have reason to believe that the Mechanics' Bank will allow an interest of 5 per cent on so much of the monies of the Sinking Fund as may be left in the said Bank for 30 days, and until there shall be a favorable change in the Stock Market the Commissioners recommend that they be authorized to deposit the monies of the said fund in the Mechanics' Bank, provided the said Bank will allow interest as aforesaid.

(Signed) C. D. Colden
" S. Allen
" G. N. Bleecker.

Which was agreed to.

The Account presented was as follows:

City Stock purchased....	8,105.15	Balance in favor May 10 '19.	6,226.81
U. States Stock do.	17,294.02	Int. on City Stock..........	4,155.
Balance in favor Com^{rs}		Pawnbrokers' Licences	650.
Dec. 18. 1819..........	8,506.20	Hack Licences	634.
		25 p. ct. on Sales Com. Lands	19,215.
	33,905.37	Street Vaults	1,241.99
Balance	5,198.30	Market fees	4,974.65
		Water lot rents............	1,241.22
		Int. on U. States Stock......	765.
Total balance.... 13,704.50	39,103.67		39,103.67

[386] A petition of John Farrington & others, marshalls, praying for remuneration for attending Coroner's Inquest, and a Communication from the Coroner on the subject, were read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Letter from Charles Graham, enclosing a petition from sundry inhabitants of New Utrecht in relation to the fishing of that place, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A petition of Catharine Megarey for remission of fine incurred for selling liquor contrary to law was read & referred to the Police Committee with power.

A petition from certain persons confined in the Debtor's Prison for a supply of fuel, was read and referred to the [387] Commissioners of the Alms House.

A petition from Thomas Tonge and Ralph Hall for relief from penalty incurred for selling liquor without a licence, accompanied with a recommendation of E. M^{c}Laughlin, Commissioner of Excise, was read & referred to the Police Committee.

Petitions from John A. Sidell, Henry K. Frost, Ezra Frost, William H. White, Warmoldus Cooper, Simeon Van Antwerp, Samuel C. Sutton, Samuel Y. Clark, Allan Clark, J. W. Kern, John Rogers, Andrew Blakely, William H. Smith and Charles Brookes for appointment as Clerks of the District Courts about to be organized in this City—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of James Buckley for permission to remove a Building from foot of Clinton Street to a Lot near Rutger Slip, was referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward.

[388] A petition of sundry members of Fire Engine Company No. 8, praying for a new Engine for said Company, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of Joshua Jones and Son for permission to store Hemp in their Store house in the First Ward of this City, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of Abraham Stagg respecting his Contract for regulating and paving Grand Street from Broadway to the Bowery, was read and resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Monthly Calendar of persons confined in the City Prison and Bridewell—which was ordered to be filed.

[389] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Broome Street, which was confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

The City Inspector reported Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	D. H. Haight	Own.	Stanton St.	A Lot
2	W. A. Hardenbrook	do.	Allen St.	do.
3	Chs. Mooney	do.	Mulberry St.	do.
4	S. Richard	do.	134 Hudson St.	a privy.
	W^{m} Taylor	Occ.		

(Signed) Geo. Cuming. City Insp^{r}

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

" Fire Engine Companies."

No. 13.

James Finlay, account^{t} 174 Water St. 2^{d} Ward vice Samuel Post—Resigned.

Hen. H. Tredwell, account^{t} 226 Pearl St. 2^{d} Ward vice George Wheeler—Left the City.

No. 16.

Tyzack Hodges, Account^{t} 15 Augustus St. 6 Ward. (a vacancy not filled)

[390] No. 20

Isaac W. Bagley, painter, 80 Liberty St. 1 Ward—vice John Ryker—resigned.

The Counsel presented a Memorial and Law relative to taxes, also a Memorial and Law relative to creating a public Stock—which were directed to be duly executed.

The Committee of Repairs & Comptroller reported:

That they have examined the Accounts of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of repairs from June 4. 1819 to Jan. 13. 1820 and find that he has received by Warrants from the Corporation..............	$14,258.
For Sundry Articles sold by him..................................	20.74
From Treasurer of Board of Health..............................	247.97
Balance due the Corporation on last settlement & now credited.....	119.05
	14,645.76
He has paid, agreeably to vouchers produced, 203 accounts—amount	14,596.71
Bal^{ce} due Corporation Jan. 15. 1820..............................	$49.05

[391] and which is to be carried to credit of new account.

(Signed) Benjamin Crane
Stephen. P. Brittain
George B. Thorp
G. N. Bleecker—Comptroller

which was approved & ordered to be filed.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Richard Stagg & John Brown, reported:

That nothing has appeared in the above cases to induce the Committee to recommend the petitioners or either of them for relief. They think the penalties ought to be enforced and they beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners above named ought not to be granted.

(Signed) Thomas Bolton
Stephen Allen
Samuel Stevens
Geo. B. Thorp

which was approved & the Resolution adopted.

[392] The Road Committee, on the petition of Peter Myer, reported:

That they have examined the premises alluded to and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition should be granted. They beg leave, therefore, to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that Peter Myer have leave to close up the Cross Road from the 8th Avenue to the Old Kingsbridge Road, which passes thro' his premises, and to open & work, at his own expence, the 130th Street as a Common High Way and to convey the same to the Common Council of the City.

(Signed) W. A. Davis
J. Hammond
G. B. Thorp
David Board.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

An Invitation from Dr. Samuel Akerly, in behalf of the Institution for [393] the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, to attend the public examination of the pupils of said Institution on the 19th inst. in St. George's Chapel, was read and accepted.

Alderman Allen presented the following resolutions, (respecting Justices' Courts) which were adopted:

Resolved that suitable rooms be provided by the Common Council for the accommodation of the Justices' Courts to be held in this City, agreeably to a late law of the Legislature on that subject.

Resolved that the Aldermen & Assistants of the Wards composing each district designated by said law be a Committee to select such rooms in their respective districts as will be necessary for the accommodation of the Court there to be located, and that they report at the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to draft an Ordinance for the appointment of Clerks to the said Courts respectively, [394] to fix their Salary at the sum of dollars per annum, payable quarterly by Warrant on the Treasury; to designate the time they shall open their Offices for the despatch of business, and such other matters relative to said Clerks and said Courts as may be deemed necessary and growing out of the law creating them: and farther that hereafter the said Clerks shall be appointed on the first Monday in February in each and every year, and, on their taking the oath prescribed by law and giving Bond with the requisite security (to be approved by the Mayor), they shall severally be commissioned Clerks of the Justices Court for the District of this City during the pleasure of the Common Council."

N. B. The 1st district included the 1st, 2d & 3d Wards.
2d do. " 4th & 6th do.
3d do. " 5th & 8th do.
4th do. " 7th & 10th do.

[395] On a Statement made by Alderman Taylor on the subject of lighting the Lamps in the upper Wards of the City:

Ordered that the same be referred to the Lamp Committee to report thereon and in the mean time that the usual number of lamps be there lighted.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 10th inst.	0.52	
Received for Tax of 1819. 3d 6th and 9th Wards	7580.	
" Wells and pumps	100.	7680.52

17 Accounts Audited.

John McComb—St. Commissr one quarter's Salary 12th instant	500.
And. McCready—Keeper of Park—one month 1st instant	46.50
G. N. Bleecker for making a Book of Jurors and writing 5485 Jury Tickets	150.
J. W. Wyman Clerk of Sessions—to pay 3 Witnesses	11.50
[396] Mechanics' Bank—Interest 19 Bonds to 1st instant	4004.99
Simon Remsen—Interest on 26 Bonds 1 year to 15th instant	369.86
R. Pettigrew—balance for a Well in Franklin St	47.24
J. Gallagher—balance for a Well in Arden St	47.11
Estate of Stephen Ludlum—Surveys &c. to 1st inst	579.22
H. Cochrane—on acct. paving Washington St. from No Moore to Watts Street	500.
C. Mooney—account paving Bowery from North to Jones St.	400.
H. Smith—account paving Liberty Street	300.
T. Scott—account paving Fulton Street	200

T. Scott—account paving Dey St. from Greenwich to Washington St.	200.	
Jas. Meghan—acct pavg Elm St. from Grand to Broome St.	150.	
[397] H. Smith—account paving Washington Street from Cedar to near Courtland St.	100.	
James Meghan—for 180 Loads earth to the Walks at public yard—on Collect & Leonard Sts.	22.50	7628.92
	Balance	$51.60

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[398] In Common Council Jan. 24. 1820.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Herms Tallman
John Morss	Benjn Crane
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a certified Copy from the minutes of the Assembly of the State of New York, referring [399] to the Members of the House from New York that part of his Excellency's Speech relative to the means of preserving the health of the City of New York—which was read and referred to the President of the Board of Health, with power to employ a suitable person to draft a Law in conformity with his opinion on the subject.

He also stated that he had received a Letter from Henry Meigs Esqr. enclosing a communication on the subject of removing obstructions in Rivers &c. by John Henrick: which communication was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

Petitions from Otho V. T. Barberie, George Staley, Mott S. Cannon, Andrew Van Orden, Wm Stuart, D. A. Robertson, P. Shehee, Alexander Colden, Wm Tripler, John L. Cregier, Edward Trenor. Geo. Zabriskie, Abm Dally, Wm Thompson and Gregorry Dillon, for appointment as Clerks to the District Courts about to be organized in this City were severally read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

[400] A further petition from Abraham Stagg, for payment of money due him on paving Grand Street, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A petition from William Bailey, praying payment of balance due him on his Contract for regulating North Street from the 2^d Avenue to Willet Street, and for advance of one half of contract for regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with power.

A Communication from the Chairman of the Committee of Conference of the Society for prevention of pauperism was read and referred to the former Committee on that subject, and the Clerk was ordered to communicate to the Chairman said reference.

[401] A petition from the Inhabitants of Hamersly and Houston Streets, praying that said Streets be filled up and regulated, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from sundry owners and masters of vessels lying at Fulton Long Wharf, on the subject of the bad condition of said Wharf and praying the same may be repaired—was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A further petition from Benjamin Bailey, requesting payment of $45. due him by the Corporation was read and ordered that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A petition of John Smith for appointment of Inspector of Fire wood to the Eighth District, in addition to the Office which he now holds as Inspector to the 9th District, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[402] A petition of John Langdon for appointment of Inspector of Firewood, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition from the Directors of the Manhattan Company, praying that Bleecker Street, Amity Lane, Wooster and Green Streets be filled in—was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from the Port of New York Society for promoting the Gospel among Seamen, praying remission of tax assessed on ground purchased by said Society for building a Church, was read and Resolved that the prayer of petitioners be granted.

A petition from Peter Schermerhorn and Sons for permission to store Hemp in their Stores in Front Street—was referred to the Committee on the [403] Fire Department—(Ald. Anthony—M^cQueen—Mr. Tallman)

A petition of Stephen D. Beekman, Nicoll Floyd and others respecting the Bulkhead at West Street between Murray and Warren Streets, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of John G. Munn for permission to keep the Flag Staff at the Battery and there to sell spirituous liquors, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A communication from the Delegates of the Fire Wardens on the subject of the Storing of hemp in the City was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition from Captain A. W. Welden for relief from penalty incurred for not giving Bonds for Alien passengers, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with power.

[404] A petition of Jane McLaughlin for remission of fine incurred under the Street Law, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on two Assessments, one for a Well and pump in Cannon Street and one for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street. Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Thompson St. which was confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also presented Ordinances for a Well and Pump in First Street and for regulating and paving the sidewalks in the Bowery—which were passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Abra- [405] ham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Benjamin Prince in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following nuisances, which ordinances were passed.

1	G. Thomas	Own.	10 Pearl St.	a privy
	L. Sanford	Agt.		
	Mrs. McCullagh	Occ.		
2	Thos. C. Clark	Own.	12 do.	do.
	I. Marquand	Occ.		

(Signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspector

The Attorney reported sundry complaints submitted to him—which were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Counsel informed the Board that the reports of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the cases of Washington and Gold Streets had been confirmed, and he [406] recommended that Collectors be appointed to collect the same. Whereupon John G. Betts was appointed Collector in the former and Morris De Camp in the latter.

A Communication was received from the Comptroller on the subject of the defective manner of assessing personal property in the City of New York—which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution for instructing the Counsel to prepare a petition to the Legislature to authorize the Common Council to abandon the projected removal of the Fly Market, presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed.

[407] The Committee appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of the Penitentiary, presented a report accompanied with an Ordinance which was approved and the Ordinance passed. Their Report was as follows:

The Committee &c. report for the consideration of the Common Council the accompanying Ordinance and state that the establishment of further regulations may, in the opinion of your Committee, with great propriety be left to the Commissioners, who are charged with the general superintendance and government of the Alms' house, Bridewell and Penitentiary and who are duly authorized to make all necessary rules and regulations for the government of the same.

(Signed) William A. Davis
John P. Anthony
Thomas Bolton
Shivers Parker
John J. Westervelt.

The Ordinance presented was as follows:

[408] A Law for the government of the Penitentiary and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, in Common Council convened—That there shall be appointed by the Common Council a sober and discreet person to be called and known by the name of the "Keeper of the Penitentiary," who shall keep all persons committed to him, in the same manner and under the same penalties as the Sheriffs of the other Counties, in the gaols of the respective Counties, the criminals committed to them. He shall be allowed an annual salary of one thousand dollars, payable quarterly; and shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath, before the Mayor or Recorder, that he will [409] faithfully execute the duties of the said Office.

Section 2. And be it farther ordained—That there shall be appointed by the Common Council three Deputy Keepers, at an annual Salary of Four hundred and fifty dollars each, payable quarterly.

Section 3. And be it farther ordained—That there may be appointed from time to time by the Commissioners of the Alms House, Bridewell and Penitentiary a number of Assistant or out-door keepers, who shall have the charge and safe keeping of the prisoners during their employment on the roads or otherwise: And the said Commissioners shall have power to employ four of the said Assistant keepers as Watchmen for the Penitentiary and to allow them such additional compensation for that service as they may think reasonable: And the number of the said Assistant Keepers shall not exceed Ten.

Section 4. And be it farther ordained—That no allowance shall be made to the said [410] Keeper of the Penitentiary, or to either of the said Deputy keepers, for family expences, either in furniture or provisions: Provided, nevertheless, that the Keeper of the Penitentiary, but not the Deputy keepers, may be permitted to make use of the ordinary supplies of the House for himself and his own proper family; and the said Deputy keepers, but not their families, may eat at the said Penitentiary of the provisions furnished for the use of the House; but the family of no Deputy Keeper shall be permitted to reside in the said Penitentiary.

Section 5. And be it farther ordained—That no corporal punishment, for improper conduct or disobedience, shall be inflicted on the prisoners by the Keeper of the Penitentiary, or his deputies or Assistants, until report is made to the Commissioners [411] of the Alms house, Bridewell and Penitentiary; but it shall be the duty of the said keepers or Assistants to confine offenders until a hearing and decision of the said Commissioners.

Section 6.—And be it farther ordained—That all Officers, agents and persons employed in and about the said Alms house, Bridewell and Penitentiary (except where by law they are differently provided for) shall be appointed by the said Commissioners of the Alms house, Bridewell and Penitentiary.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition of Philip Briggs, reported: That under the particular circumstances of the case they recommend a remission of the penalty & a discontinuance of the suit, on the payment of the costs, and offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that the penalties forfeited by Philip Briggs be remitted, and that the Attorney be authorized to discontinue [412] the suit against him, on payment of all costs.

(Signed) E. W. King
Thos. Bolton
J. Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Reports were received from the Aldermen and Assistants of the several Wards composing the Four Districts in which are to be held the Courts lately organized, on the subject of convenient rooms for holding the same—which were severally read as follows, the reports approved & the Resolutions adopted.

I. The Aldermen and Assistants of the 1st, 2d & 3d Wards reported: That they have, in compliance with a resolution of the Common Council passed Monday the 17th inst. made enquiry for a proper place to hold the Justices Court in for the First District and have found but two [413] that can be procured which in their opinion would be suitable; one in the present Court Room in Wall Street, with a small apartment annexed that would answer for a Jury Room. The rent will be \$56 25/100 from the 1st February to 1st May.

The other is the Long Room No. 1 Spruce Street, with the use of a Jury Room and of the fixtures, all of which are offered for twenty dollars. As no place nearer the centre of the District can be procured at present, it is therefore proper to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that it be the duty of the Alderman of the First Ward to agree with James Connolly for the Long Room No. 1 Spruce Street on the terms proposed by him.

(Signed) John Hone
Thomas Bolton
E. W. King
H. Tallman.

II. The Aldermen and Assistants of the 4th & 6th Wards reported: That they [414] have, after mature and deliberate enquiry, found the following places:

The Building now occupied by Justice Bartlett as the 6th Ward Court, situate in Tryon Row; which may be had, with the fixtures at \$150 per annum or \$200. for 15 months.

Also the lower part of that large and commodious new Brick building, situate in the 4th Ward and owned by Mr. Young, near the division line of the two Wards, fronting on Duane Street and immediately in the rear of the lot on which Tammany Hall stands and being a part of the same; altho' perfectly distinct from it, having an entry of its own: which premises may be had from the present period until May 1. 1821, making 15 months for $200. and for every succeeding year for $150.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the last mentioned [415] building be taken for the purposes contemplated, as being every way superior and much more convenient than the former, it being sufficiently large to partition off into three rooms—viz. Court, Clerk's and Jury rooms, and at a trifling expence.

(Signed) Jno. P. Anthony
Robert M^c^Queen
Benj^n^ Crane

Whereupon resolved that the Committee for the 2^d^ district Justices Court be authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. Young for so much of his building as is described in their Report.

III The Aldermen and Assistants of the 5th and 8th Wards reported: That they have selected three rooms in the house corner of Sullivan and Desbrosses Streets, belonging to Mr. James Jenkins, at the rent of $40 dollars from now till the 1st May next, and they recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved that the said Committee [416] be authorized to hire the parts of said house till the 1st of May next.

(signed) John Morss
J. J. Westervelt
J. B. Taylor
David Board

IV The Aldermen and Assistants of the 7th and 10th Wards, to whom was referred the subject of providing rooms in the 4th district, reported: That they have selected the rooms at present occupied as the 10th Ward Court at the corner of Bayard and Chrystie Streets, the rent of which is at the rate of $50 per annum.

The Committee, therefore, ask for authority to rent said rooms & propose the following resolutions accordingly:

Resolved that the Committee be authorized to rent from the 1st day of February to the 1st day of May next the rooms at present occupied by the Justices of the 10th Ward; and [417] that said rooms be the location of the Court for that district until otherwise ordered.

Resolved that the Committee be farther authorized to rent for the ensuing year the same or some other place for the accommodation of said Court, and that they report to the Board accordingly.

(Signed) Asa Mann
Stephen Allen
S. P. Brittain
J. Hammond.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Thomas M^{c}Cready, reported:

That they are fully satisfied, from the certificates of both the Assessors and the Collector of the First Ward, which are annexed to the said petition that he has been overrated by mistake in copying the Books. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Collector of the First Ward collect of Thomas M^{c}Cready [418] the sum of \$15 $^{5}/_{100}$ and that the remaining sum of \$19 $^{35}/_{100}$ be remitted.

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
T. Bolton
E. W. King
J. P. Anthony
J. Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the resolution respecting the assessing of benefits on the opening of Streets, Reported:

That they have considered the subject and are of opinion that the public good requires the repeal of so much of the 178th Section of the Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act as authorizes the Commissioners of estimate and Assessment to assess any part of the estimated value of any building or buildings to be removed [419] by virtue of the said Act upon the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the said City of New York.

Your Committee are induced to recommend the adoption of this measure, as well on account of the embarrassed state of the finances and the necessity there is of retrenching the public expences, as also from a conviction that large sums are annually paid by the Board for removing houses in order to open or alter Streets, which does not benefit the public in any degree proportioned to the expence. They therefore respectfully recommend the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a Law in conformity with the foregoing report and also the usual petition to the Legislature praying that it may be passed.

(Signed) Judah Hammond
Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[420] The Committee on the petition of James Buckley, Reported:

That his building now stands within the Fire Limits, and the place to which it is intended to remove it is within the said limits. All penaltes for erecting buildings within the Fire Limits are collected by the Fire Department for their use, and, as the Corporation have no control over said fines, the Committee would propose that the subject be referred to the Counsel of the Board for his opinion, whether the removing of a building is an erection within the Law. If not, your Committee would recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted. They offer the following:

Resolved that the subject be referred to the Counsel of the Board for his opinion thereon.

(Signed) Asa Mann
" S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[421] *The Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of the District Attorney and Keeper of the City Prison, presented a Report. Whereupon Ordered that a Warrant issue during the recess of the Board to Mr. Sickles, Keeper of the City Prison, for 858 dollars, and that part of the report relating to the accounts of the District Attorney be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The Counsel presented a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of the Battery, with an Act corresponding thereto. Whereupon ordered that the Memorial be duly executed and, with the Act, transmitted forthwith to the Legislature.

He also presented the following resolutions respecting the Clerks of the Justices Courts—Viz:

Resolved that the Clerks of the Assistant Justices shall respectively be allowed as a compensation for their services [422] a salary of 750 dollars, payable quarterly by a Warrant upon the Treasury of the said City.

Resolved that the said Clerks shall respectively attend at their offices for the transaction of business from 9 o'clock in the forenoon

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* Marginal note reads *N. B. This was upon a Report from a Committee of the Board of Supervisors.*—ED.

till one in the afternoon and from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until sundown on every day, except Sundays, throughout the year and at all such other times as the Assistant Justices to whom they shall be respectively appointed Clerks shall hold their Courts.

Resolved that the Mayor be authorized to approve the Bonds which the said Clerks are required to give before they enter upon the duties of their offices.

Resolved that the Clerks shall be appointed annually on the first Monday of February and shall receive their Commissions to hold their [423] offices during the pleasure of the Common Council, and upon being so appointed shall be required to enter into new bonds as aforesaid.

Resolved that the following places be provided for the accommodation of the Courts to be held by the Assistant Justices—Viz.

For the Court to be held by the Assistant Justice for the 1st 2d & 3d Wards No. 1 Spruce Street.

For the Court to be held by the Assistant Justice for the 4th and 6th Wards No. 11 Duane Street.

For the Court to be held by the Assistant Justice for the 5th and 8th Wards part of the house at the North west corner of Desbrosses and Sullivan Streets.

For the Court to be held by the Assistant Justice for the 7th and 10th Wards, part of the house at the South west corner of Chrystie and Bayard Streets.

Whereupon the said resolutions were read by paragraphs, the blanks filled & adopted.

[424] On motion of Alderman Allen for the appointment of Clerks to the District Courts, The Board went into Ballot for the said purpose—when Joshua L. Pell was duly elected for the 1st 2d & 3d Wards, John Campbell for the 4th and 6th Wards, George Betts for the 5th & 8th Wards and William H. Smith for the 7th & 10th Wards. Agreeably to the reports of the several Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Districts, the places for holding the Courts were designated as follow:

For the 1st district at No. 1 Spruce St.
2d district " No. 11 Duane St.
3d district N. W. corner Sullivan & Desbrosses Sts.
4th district corner of Chrystie & Bayard St.

It was then referred to the Committee of Repairs to cause the several Court rooms to be fitted up for the purpose of holding said Courts.

[425] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 17th inst	51.60	
Recd for Tax 1819—1st & 2d Wards	7000.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Penalties	8.07	
" " Streets	5600.	15,159.67

24 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st district	1167.25	
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	731.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.	
Mercantile Advertiser—6 mo. Subscription 1st instant	75.	
William McGee—posting Bills for Street Commissioner	16.50	
J. Mowatt Jr. Corporation proportion repairs of pier on East Side of Catharine Slip	1193.33	
John Brower and Colleagues—making sundry Assessments.	511.15	
Thos. Lovett—acct pavg Reed St. at Duane Market	500.	
C. Mooney—acct paving Bowery from North to Jones Street	500.	
[426] Hugh Smith—account regulating Grand Street	400.	
C. Mooney—account paving Orange St. from Broome to Prince St	300.	
C. Mooney—bal. paving Bowery from Grand to Broome St.	290.29	
C. Mooney—bal. paving Bowery from Chatham to Grand St.	101.38	
H. Cochrane—acct pavg Cedar St. from Nassau St. to Broadway	100.	
O. Edwards—Taxed costs in openg Washington St. from Chamber to Warren St. and from Courtland St. toward Liberty St.	242.44	
O. Edwards—taxed costs in opening Gold Street	201.27	
J. Williams. acct regulating 4th St. from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue	800.	
Robert Pettigrew—bal. for Well in 8th Avenue	46.75	
R. Pettigrew—bal. for a Well in Broome Street	30.96	
[427] R. Pettigrew—balance for Well in Carmine Street	29.75	
R. Pettigrew—1st Instalment—Well in Walker near Church St.	27.20	
J. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs—repairing piers	1300.	
J. P. Roome—Suptdt of Repairs for repairs	700.	
R. Furman—Suptdt of Alms' House	5000.	14,726.77
	Balance	$432.90

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[428] Special Meeting In Common Council Jan. 27. 1820.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John P. Anthony	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Herms Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjn Crane
Asa Mann	Jno. J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Steph. P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	Wm A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

This being a Special Meeting of the Board, the reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had called this [429] meeting in conformity with a request of the Citizens expressed at their late meeting in relation to the destructive fire at Savannah. He then read the Report of the Committee of the Citizens of New York and an Address from the Mayor of Savannah to the Citizens of the United States, and informed the Board that the said Committee were now in waiting at the Mayor's Office to attend the Common Council.

The Committee of Citizens were then introduced by Alderman Hone of the First Ward and their Chairman, William Bayard Esqr. stated to the Board the request of the Citizens.

Alderman Allen then presented the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas a Committee appointed at a Meeting of our fellow-citizens, held on the 25th instant, have requested that the Common Council will appropriate 20,000 dollars, or such other sum as they may deem proper, to the relief of the sufferers by the [430] late fire at the City of Savannah; and altho' the members of this Board duly appreciate the benevolent motives of the gentlemen who have made this request and individually feel disposed to grant every aid in their power to the suffering Inhabitants of that City, they nevertheless are of opinion that the powers delegated to the Common Council will not authorize any appropriation of money except for purposes specially connected with the local concerns of this City—Therefore

Resolved that in the opinion of this Board the Common Council do not possess the power of appropriating the funds of this City to any foreign object whatever and therefore that it is inexpedient to comply with the request made by the Committee of Citizens for soliciting donations for the sufferers by the late fire at Savannah.

[431] Resolved that the Members of this Board, in their individual capacity, will render every assistance in their power to forward the benevolent object of the meeting of Citizens by soliciting donations, and otherwise for the distressed inhabitants of Savannah.

Whereupon the same were adopted and ordered to be published.

[432] In Common Council Jan. 31. 1820.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden. Mayor. President.
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen
John Hone
John P. Anthony
John Morss
Asa Mann
Jacob B. Taylor
George B. Thorp
Stephen Allen

Assistants.
Thomas Bolton
Samuel Stevens
Herm^{s} Tallman
Benj^{n} Crane
Jno. J. Westervelt
Shivers Parker
Steph. P. Brittain
David Board
W^{m} A. Davis
Judah Hammond

The Minutes of the two last meetings were read and approved.

A petition for a Well and pump in Mott Street near Grand Street was read and referred to the Alderman and [433] Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of John Whitaker for relief from penalty incurred under the Hack Law was read and referred to the Police Committee with power.

A petition from William Paulding & others praying that an Ordinance be passed for extending and making the Sewer in Chapel Street to Duane Street. And from Samuel Paxton for permission to sell at auction furniture in front of his Store corner of Chamber and Chapel Streets were read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Norman, Abraham Dally and others, Ex^{rs} of the estate of J. Norman deceased, praying time to pay Assessment for regulating Fourth Street, was read & referred to the Finance Committee with power.

A petition of Morris Oakley and others, residents of Pike and Henry Streets, for a Watchman [434] to be stationed at the corner of said Streets, was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A petition of John P. Aymar for appointment as Measurer of Grain, was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Jacob Crocheron, complaining of an Assessment on his Stable in Marketfield Street on account of a mistake in copying the books of the Assessors, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of John Edwards praying that a Committee be appointed to examine the principle on which his Scale beams are constructed, was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A petition of sundry Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of New or James [435] Slip to have the same filled in from Water Street to the South side of Front Street, and from James Neaf to be employed by the Corporation in cleaning docks and Slips with a Machine invented by him, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of J. M. Hall, stating that he had invented a method of improving Barrel or Firkin Butter and praying permission to vend the same in the markets of this City, was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Henry Heiser for remission of fine incurred for non-compliance with an Ordinance directing him to fill in certain Lots between Greenwich and Washington Streets, was read & referred to the Police Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a communication relating to interest being charged on different Assessments after confirming the [436] same—which was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on an Assessment for regulating North Street and for a Well & Pump in Walker Street—which was confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

He also, on the subject of charging interest for Canal Street Sewer, Reported:

That the Assessors for laying the Assessment for the Sewer in Canal Street charge interest thereon for three months up to the 8th February next and he would suggest the propriety of public notice being given that interest will be charged on all sums remaining unpaid after that day.

(signed) J. McComb. St. Comr

which was approved.

[437] The Comptroller reported as follows:

That there has been received into the Treasury for Commutation of Alien passengers since the last report on the 25th Oct. 1819. to this day the sum of $1474.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker. Comptr

which was ordered to be filed.

Mr. Hammond presented the following Resolution—which was adopted:

Resolved that the Report of the Finance Committee of the 27th Dec. 1819 be once published in the several News papers usually employed by the Board.

On motion of Alderman Hone, the Resolution of the 10th of January and the Law presented at the last meeting providing for the expence of extending the Battery were called up and read. He then moved to reconsider the same, which was carried.

It was then moved by Alderman Hone to alter the Law by striking out the words [438] "according to the benefit and advantage which 'they shall be of opinion that it will be to the freeholders and in- 'habitants of said Wards respectively"—which was carried.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill as amended, a division being called, it was carried in the Affirmative.

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder. Aldermen Hone, Morss, Taylor, Thorp. Messrs. Bolton, Stevens, Tallman, Davis.

Negative. Aldermen Anthony, Mann, Allen, Messrs. Crane, Westervelt, Parker, Brittain, Board, Hammond.

The Board being equally divided on the question, His Honor the Mayor gave the casting vote in the Affirmative.

The Bill as agreed to was as follows:

"An Act to provide for the expence of extending the Battery in the City of New York & for other purposes."

[439] Whereas the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York have by their Memorial to the Legislature represented that they are desirous of extending and improving the Battery in said City and have prayed for permission so to do and also for authority to impose an Annual Tax of $25,000. on the estates real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situated within said City until the sum of $150,000. shall be raised for the purpose of meeting the expence thereof, and have also prayed for permission to create a public debt to enable them to raise money for that purpose

until the said sum of money shall be raised by tax as aforesaid: Therefore

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly—That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to extend the said Battery into the Bay and North & East Rivers such distance as they may deem proper, not exceeding [440] 500 feet: And farther that all the title of the people of this State in and to the land and the land under water in front of and adjoining the said Battery and extending from thence into the Bay and the North and East Rivers a distance not exceeding 500 feet shall be & the same are hereby vested in the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York and their Successors forever to remain for the purpose of extending the said Battery for a public Walk & for erecting public buildings and works of defence thereon but without any power to dispose thereof for any other use or purpose whatsoever and without any power of selling any part thereof.

And be it farther enacted—That the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the said City or a majority of them, of whom the Mayor or Recorder shall [441] be one, shall be and hereby are empowered as soon as conveniently may be after the passing of this Act and once in each and every year thereafter until the sum of $150,000 shall be raised by tax for the purpose before mentioned to order & cause to be raised by tax on the estates real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situated within said City and to be collected the sum of $25,000.

And be it farther enacted—That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Recorder & Aldermen of the said City, or a majority of them of whom the Mayor or Recorder shall be one, to apportion the said Tax annually in such manner as shall appear to them just and equitable among the several & respective Wards of the said City, to have the said Battery extended and improved in the manner which has been or which may be determined upon by the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York in Common Council convened: And farther that [442] they shall order and cause the said Tax from time to time to be assessed, levied and collected out of the estates real and personal of the freeholders and inhabitants of and situated within the said Wards respectively, in the same manner as the taxes for defraying the contingent expences of the City and County of New York shall be assessed, levied & collected: And further that the whole of the proceeds of the said taxes shall be appropriated either to defraying the expence of extending and improving the Battery as aforesaid or in redeeming the debt authorized to be created by this Act.

And be it farther enacted—That it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen & Commonalty of the City of New York to create a public debt not exceeding $150,000 and which shall bear an interest not ex- [443] ceeding 7 per cent per annum."

Alderman Mann then gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the question at the next Meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Stevens it was Ordered that the Bill as amended and Memorial be duly authenticated & transmitted to the Legislature.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury—24th inst	432.90	
Recd for rents	5287.82	
" Common Lands	246.75	
" Wells & Pumps	210.	
" Tax 1819—1st 2d 10th Wards	8000.	
" Streets	1250.	15,967.47

14 Accounts Audited.

G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison—fees for Criminal prisoners—Ordered 24th inst. & issued	858.	
Jno. Targee—Set of Plate presented to Mrs. Lawrence—relict of Capt. Jas. Lawrence	364.	
Geo. W. Talbot—last Instalment on Bond & Interest	1072.88	
[444] H. Cochrane—on acct paving Rynder from Canal to Hester St	300.	
Jno. Bailey. on acct pavg Ludlow from Grand to Delancey St.	150.	
Wm Bailey. on acct regg North St. from 2d Avenue to Willet St	150.	
Jno. Bailey on acct pavg Harrison St	150.	
Chs. Mooney do. do. Orange St	100.	
Hugh Smith do. do. Liberty St	100.	
Chrisn Corbley do. do. Essex St	100.	
Jas. Meghan—on acct pavg Washington St. fr. Barclay to Vesey St	100.	
Jno. Bailey—repairing Intersectns of Streets	123.28	
Jas. Meghan—pavg sundry Intersectns	36.16	
Jno. Fleming—Treasr to pay 30th divd City Stock due Feb. 1. 1820—on acct	12,000.	15,604.32
	Balance	$363.15

Board adjourned to Monday next. Feb. 7.

VOLUME FORTY
OF
MANUSCRIPT MINUTES
February 7, 1820 to May 15, 1820

[1] In Common Council February 7. 1820.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Peter Augustus Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Hermanus Tallman
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Asa Mann	Stephen P. Brittain
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	William A. Davis
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a letter dated 31st January 1820, from Lieutenant Smith by order of the War Department of the United States, stating that the War Department will cooperate with the Corporation [2] in the contemplated repairs and extension of the Battery to the extent of the Estimate furnished by the Corporation for that part of the work passing thro' the United States' Lines provided the sum appropriated by Congress for Fortifications will authorize the application of the amount of the Estimate to that object: Which Letter was directed to be filed.

A Report was received from the Trustees of the Savings' Bank made in pursuance of the Act entitled "An Act to incorporate an 'association by the name of a Bank for Savings in the City of New 'York": which Report was referred to the Finance Committee.

His Honor the Mayor stated that, in pursuance of a request made to him by the Board of Health he had revised the Health Law and made such alterations and additions as experience had proved necessary, which he presented and the same being read was [3] approved and it was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to prepare a suitable Memorial to the Legislature to accompany the said Bill, and his Honor the Mayor was requested to have the same duly authenticated in the recess of the Board and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

A petition of Cornelius C. Meyers to be appointed to the Office of Wood Inspector, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Memorial from Henry Carpenter, stating that he had been applied to by several persons to build machines for cleansing Slips & Basins called Mud Machines, that among other reasons he was prevented therefrom by the Patent right of that Machine being vested in the Corporation and requesting their aid in the premises, was received and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

[4] A remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against filling in James' Slip was read and referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Hugh Smith to be permitted to continue to remove the earth from the upper end of Harman Street until the first of April next, was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Petitions from Asa Gurnsey, Silas Barremore and Thomas Cambell for the appointment of Superintendant of the Mud Machine were referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition from Abraham Stagg, stating that he contracted with the Corporation for regulating and paving Grand Street from Broadway to the Bowery, that he has performed said Contract and praying payment of the same, was referred to the Street Commissioner [5] to report the facts thereon.

A Memorial was received from a Committee on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Brooklyn, complaining of the manner in which the Ferries between the City of New York and Brooklyn are conducted and of the non-performance of the lessees of those Ferries of the covenants contained in their Leases and requesting a conference with a Committee of the Corporation on the subject. Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Memorial of Robert Moore was presented, stating that he owns about 6000 acres of unimproved land in Pike County, State of Pennsylvania; that if the Corporation will advance to him the sum necessary to pay laborers for wages and subsistence he would employ a number on those lands and could from the profits of their labor reimburse the Corporation: which was referred to the Finance Committee.

[6] A Communication from the City Sealer on the subject of his Office was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Comptroller presented a statement of an extra account of A. Sherman, Attorney of the Corporation, which was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Wardens of the 10th Ward."

Henry Willet, Blacksmith, Bowery, 10th Ward—vice John Smith, exempt.

Dan^{l} Townsend—gardener—Bowery. 10th Ward—vice Jno. A. Hardenbrook. resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Alex^{r} S. Miller—Accountant—31 Anthony St. 5th Ward—vice William Winterton—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 18."

Hugh Laing—Mercht. 38 Beekman St. 2^{d} Ward—vice Dixey Crosby—Removed from City.

[7] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Mott near Grand Street, which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed the Assessors.

The City Inspector reported that Lot No. 627 Bayard's East Farm was in a State of Nuisance and required to be filled up, that no owner had appeared for it and he recommended its being filled in by the Corporation: Which was referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to act in the premises.

The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Jacob Crocheron, Reported:

That they are satisfied from the annexed Certificate that the mistake of the Assessors complained of by the petitioner was made in copying the Books. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved that Mr. Jacob Crocheron [8] pay the Collector one tenth of the amount assessed to him on the Lot and Stable belonging to him in Marketfield Street in lieu of the amount assessed thereon.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
" John Morss
" Thomas Bolton
" Elisha W. King

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that in pursuance of the authority given to them by the Resolution of the Common Council, they had appointed J. Morton, the Clerk of the Board, the agent of the Corporation to endeavor to effect a settlement of the demand of the Corporation against the United States for monies paid by the Corporation for damages done to lands by the erection of fortifications during the late War; that the agent had, agreeably to the instructions of the Committee, proceeded to Washington and having returned from thence had [9] made a report of his proceedings which he begged leave to present to the Board: Which having been read was ordered to be filed. The Communication and accompanying documents were as follow:

"Letter to Chairman of Finance Committee."

To Stephen Allen Esqr. New York Feb. 7. 1820

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that, agreeably to the directions of the Committee of Finance, I proceeded to the City of Washington to endeavor to effect a Settlement of the Claim which the Corporation have against the United States for monies paid by them for damages done to lands by the erection of fortifications during the late war.

I was, as you are apprized, prepared with a Memorial from the Corporation to the Congress of the United States on the subject. Considering the claim as one coming within the powers of the War Department for settlement, I was of opinion that it would be best in the first instance to make the application [10] to that office; and after conversing with the Senators from this State and some of the Members of the House of Representatives from this City and State, I was confirmed in this opinion and accordingly prepared a Memoir or Statement of the case which was presented to Mr. Calhoun, the Secretary of War.

As a part of the negociation of the Corporation with the Government of the United States in relation to the defence of this City was transacted while the President, Mr. Munro, was acting as Secretary of War, satisfied as I was of the fairness and justice of our claim, I thought it would have a favorable effect upon the issue of my negociation if I could bring before him a statement of our claim and the documents which I had to produce in favor of it. I accordingly waited upon the President and after stating to him briefly the nature of our claim I observed to him that as some of the important parts of the negociation upon [11] which the claim was founded had been transacted under his own direction, while acting as Secretary of War, I had prepared a copy of the Statement which would be furnished to the Secretary of War and begged leave to lay it on his Table that he might be apprized of the nature of the claim previous to the Secretary's consulting him respecting it. He received the Statement and said that he would give it a careful perusal.

Some days after, I waited upon him and he informed me he had read with attention the Statement; that he considered the claim as just, and that he would give directions to the Secretary of War to put it in a train of adjustment and settlement. I shortly after waited upon the Secretary of War, who shewed to me the instructions he had received from the President on the subject and, at my request, he furnished me with a certified copy of it, which is annexed hereto (marked No. 1.)

[12] That I might have written testimony to produce of the mode in which the settlement was made, I addressed the annexed note (marked No. 2) to Mr. Calhoun and received from him the reply (marked No. 3)

It may be proper, Sir, here to observe that the Awards of the Arbitrators, upon which our claim is founded, were not to be found on the files of the War Department where, from the information of the former agents of the Corporation, I was led to expect to find them. My opinion is, however, that during the recess of Congress, when the Clerks of the War Office will have leisure to give a more perfect search, they will be found. At any rate duplicates can be procured to supply their place should they not be ultimately met with on the files of the Department.

As the negociation for the settlement of this claim was commenced under your directions, I trust I may be permitted to congratulate you on its favorable issue: [13] for that ultimately the Corporation will be reimbursed cannot be doubted.

I am, Sir,
With great respect,
Your humble servt,
(Signed) J. Morton

The Documents referred to were as follow:

No. I.

"Letter from the President to Secretary of War."

The Secretary of War,

I have examined the Documents, the most important of which it seems are now for the first time presented, in support of the claim of the Corporation of the City of New York for monies paid by it for ground taken for fortifications and on which fortifications were erected under the direction of the principal Engineer in 1814 for the defence of the City, and am of opinion that it ought to be allowed.

I well remember having had intercourse with deputies from the Corporation at that period and the considerations which [14] had weight with the President in deciding on the measures to be taken for the defence of the City. Attacks were expected to be made on our principal cities, particularly on the City of New York, by the immense force which Great Britain had then at her command. The utmost solicitude was felt for their safety and the whole effort of the Government exerted in making preparations to repel them. The Treasury was embarrassed and the Loan of a Million of dollars offered for the defence of New York was accepted with pleasure.

No works could be built without taking the land wherever it would be necessary to place them, which could not be done without making to the owners compensation for the injury they might sustain thereby; and I am satisfied that it was intended and understood that no delay should proceed from that cause, but that a part of the money thus loaned should be thus applied.

(Signed) James Monroe

[15] War Department Jan. 28. 1820

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original on file in this Office.

(Signed) C. Vandewater.

No. II.

Letter from J. Morton to Secretary of War.

The Hon. J. C. Calhoun
Department of War

Washington Jan. 27. 1820

Sir

Having been informed by you that, agreeably to the instructions of the President, the claim of the Corporation of the City of New York against the United States for monies advanced and paid by them for damages done to lands by the erection of fortifications thereon during the late war will be allowed and paid by the Government, and having been also informed by you that there may not be perhaps a sufficient sum remaining in the Treasury, of the late appropriations, to meet the amount, I would respectfully beg of you, Sir, to inform me at what time you suppose it will be [16] convenient for the Department to meet the claim.

This request is made for the purpose of my giving the Corporation, as their Agent, satisfactory information of the arrangements that have been made on the subject.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) J. Morton.

No. III.

Reply from the Secretary of War.

General J. Morton
Washington City

Department of War
Jan^{y} 28. 1820.

Sir

I have received your letter of this day and, in reply to your enquiry at what time it will be convenient for the Department to meet the claim of the Corporation of the City of New York, I have to state that, not anticipating the payment of this claim this year, its amount is not included in the estimate for arrearages for 1820, now before Congress: and I do not think [17] it advisable to alter the estimates at the present period. It is, however, probable that the appropriation, if the estimate is voted, may be sufficient to pay a part, if not the whole of the claim, toward the close of the year. Should this not be the case, its payment will be provided for in the estimates for 1821.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J. C. Calhoun

On motion of Mr. Stevens

Resolved that the Committee on the petition of the Managers of the House of Industry be requested to report with all convenient speed.

Alderman Allen presented the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to report to this Board a correct list of the several Officers whose Salaries are paid by Warrant on the Treasury, together with the amount received by them re- [18] spectively and an estimate of fees or emoluments received by such of them as are authorized to receive certain fees or emoluments in addition to their Salary, and that said Officers be instructed, at the request of the Comptroller, to furnish such information on this subject as he may deem necessary.

Which was agreed to.

Alderman Morss presented the following:

Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report if any and what retrenchments can be made in the expenditures of this Corporation.

Which was adopted and a Committee appointed of Five: Alderman Morss Hone Mr. Davis Stevens Alderman Allen

The following Resolutions were presented and adopted and the Street Commissioner [19] directed to advertise that the improvements therein stated will be made:

Whereas the Supreme Court did at their late Session confirm the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed for widening and improving certain parts of Washington Street and a part of Gold Street

Resolved that the said improvements be postponed until the 1st day of May next and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to see that Washington & Gold Streets be widened and improved agreeably to the Report of the Commissioners immediately after that day.

Resolved that the collection of the Assessment for said improvements be postponed until the 1st day of May next.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury. 31st Jany	363.15	
Recd for Tax 1819. 7th 8th 9th Wards	3300.	
" Canal Street Sewer	10,600.	
[20]" Rents	1197.26	
" Streets	4676.63	
" Arrears of Tax	500.	20,637.04

36 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st district	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	756.
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.
R. Furman—Supt Almshouse & Officers 1 qr. 1st inst	625.
W. Hoghland—Keepr Penitenty & 3 Assts do. do.	587.50
G. Sickels—Keeper City Prison & 2 Assts do. do.	350.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers 1 mo. do.	60.
Geo. Mills—Asst Board of Health do. do.	62.
Benj. Hicks. do. do. do.	62.
Abm Ackerman—St. Inspector do. do.	62.
Jonathn Pinckney do do. do.	62.
Saml Hutchings do do. do.	62.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspr do. do.	52.
Obadh Ayres— do. do. do.	52.
Andw McCready—Keeper of Park do. do.	46.50
Danl H. Magee—Keeper Pottersfield do. do.	46.50
J. Burger—regg Pub. Clock—1 qr. 1st inst	66.66
G. L. Birch & Co. printing 1 quarter to 1st February	276.50
[21] N. Phillips—6 mo. Subscription National Advocate 1st inst	75.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspector—removing Nuisances—1 qr. 1st inst	9.12
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps 1 month—1st inst	736.25
Daniel Biggs—Work at Lamps—1 quarter 1st inst	38.25
Robert Provoost—repairing Lamps in January	35.87
Mechanics' Bank—2 bonds & interest Canal St. Sewer	10,058.33
E. W. King—Int. on Bond—1 year to 1st inst	128.45

Geo. Lovett—bal. reg^{g} West Street from Dey to Fulton....	73.35	
Jno. Quin—acc^{t} pav^{g} Sullivan St. from Broome to Watts St.	100.	
Thomas Scott—account—paving Dey Street....	200.	
H. Smith—account pav^{g} Washington St. from Cedar to near Courtland Street....	200.	
[22] Jas. Meghan—acc^{t} pav^{g} Washington from Barclay to Vesey St....	200.	
H. Cochrane—acc^{t} pav^{g} Washington from North Moore to Watts St....	200.	
Chs. Mooney—acc^{t} pav^{g} Orange St....	300.	
Thos. Lovett—acc^{t} pav^{g} Reed St. at Duane Market....	500.	
J. Meghan— acc^{t} pav^{g} Barclay St....	600.	
Hugh Smith— do. do. Liberty St....	800.	
R. Furman—Sup^{t} Alms House....	1520.	20,632.53
	Balance	$4.51

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[23] In Common Council February 14. 1820.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor—President
Peter A. Jay Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
John Morss	Samuel Stevens
Robert M^{c}Queen	Hermanus Tallman
Asa Mann	Benjamin Crane
Jacob B. Taylor	John J. Westervelt
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Stephen Allen	Stephen P. Brittain
	David Board
	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of John Dennis, in behalf of the owner of House No. 123 Anthony Street, praying further time for payment of an assesment laid upon said House, was read [24] and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A similar petition from Benjamin T. Onderdonk, Executor of the Reverend Henry Moscrop deceased, praying like indulgence respecting an Assessment on a House belonging to the Estate of the deceased, situated on the corner of Greenwich and Thomas Streets, was read & referred to the same Committee with like power.

A Memorial from the Trustees of the Inhabitants of Brooklyn, praying that a house in Water Street in said Village owned by the Corporation may be removed as it prevents the intended improvement of said Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Letter from Chauncey Hall containing a communication he states to have made to the President of the United States of some [25] improvement he has discovered, but in what he does not state, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A petition of Pattison Jolly to be allowed on his Assessment for Grand Street a sum he has advanced to Abraham Stagg the Contractor for regulating said Street; A petition of Noah Jarvis, as Agent for Stephen Van Rensselaer, requesting that the sum of $40. be deducted and allowed to him from the amount due to Abraham Stagg, Contractor for regulating Grand Street, to compensate for work done to said Street by him in consequence of the neglect of said Contractor; And a Communication from the Street Commissioner, to whom had been referred the petition of Abraham Stagg praying payment for contract for regulating Grand Street, stating that said Stagg had not fulfilled his contract, were severally read and referred to the Street Committee.

[26] A petition of Jacob Boyce for Stall No. 18 Washington Market, and of John Keyser for Stall No. 22 same market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A memorial was received from the Inhabitants of Coenties Slip, complaining of the practice of vessels from the eastward occupying said Slip for the purpose of vending in their vessels Codfish and excluding therefrom Market Vessels and praying a Law may be passed to remedy said evil; Also praying that the middle Pier in said Slip be extended parallel with the Piers east and west of it, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of Francis Spicer, praying remission of fine incurred by his Servant's washing his horses at a public pump, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Letter from the Mayor of New Orleans, trans- [27] mitting a copy of the Ordinances of the City Council of said City was presented and read: whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to reply to the same and to transmit to the Mayor of New Orleans a Copy of the Ordinances of this City.

A Communication was also received from the City of Philadelphia of a report of the diseases and deaths in that City in the year 1819: Whereupon his Honor the Mayor was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same and to forward a Copy of the Inspector's report of the diseases and interments during the past year.

A Letter was received from Moses Rogers enclosing a Copy of a Memorial intended to be presented to the Legislature from the Inhabitants of the First Ward, remonstrating against the application of the Corporation to the Legislature for a Law to raise the sum of $150,000. for the purpose of repairing and extending the Battery, presuming it [28] was the intention of the Corporation to assess upon the First Ward a greater proportion of said expence than upon the other Wards. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on subject of the Battery.

A petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Harlaem, praying that a Market for the Sale of Horses may be established in said Village, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 9th Ward.

A petition for a Well and Pump in Mott Street between Grand and Broome Streets, was read & referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Memorial was received from William Hendrick, Patentee of the Forcing & Lifting Pump, stating a former petition presented by him offering to contract for the use of said Patent, and accompanied by Certificates [29] from certain firemen of the utility of said pump as experienced at a late fire in Cheapside Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

A petition was received from Smith Bloomefield, stating that in August last he contracted with the Corporation to build a Sewer thro' the centre of Chapel Street; that he has completed the same agreeably to Contract and praying payment for the same: which was referred to the Canal Committee.

A petition of John Guest to be appointed to the Office of a City Measurer, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications:

The following appointments of a Fire Warden & Firemen were made, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of 6th Ward."

John Ackerman—Chairmaker—504 Pearl St—6th Ward—vice Stephen Burdett—Resigned.

[30] "Fire Engine Companies."

No. 9.

George Long, Bookseller, 71 Pearl St. 1st Ward—vice Elijah Warner. resigned

No. 13.

Richard J. Polhemus—Account^{t} 12 Peck Slip. 4th Ward vice George Long—resigned.

No. 18.

James Barton—account^{t} 259 William St. 4th Ward vice William S. Leggett—removed

No. 20.

Bernard C. Tompson—Baker—66 Cedar St. 1st Ward—vice Isaac Torboss—resigned

No. 41.

Robert Whitson—Cartman—Goerck n. Delancey—10 Ward—vice Walter Hyde—removed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street from Spring Street to Livingston's Line—which was confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented the following [31] Ordinances for correction of Nuisances—which were passed:

1	A. L. Stewart	Owner	Sullivan St.	A Lot
2	W^{m} Lawrence	do.	Rhynder St.	do.

(Signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

The Comptroller reported that, agreeably to the Resolution of the Board, he had required of the several Officers of the Board an account of the fees received by them in addition to the Salaries paid to them by the Board and had received reports from them, which he presented and they were directed to be referred to the Committee on Retrenchments.

The Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden informed the Board that he had received from the Honorable the Council of Appointment the re-appointment as Mayor of the City of New York and that he had taken the oaths prescribed by Law.

[32] The Committee of Wharves, Piers & Slips, on the representation of Henry Carpenter relative to the Mud Machine, Reported:

That in their opinion another machine might be usefully employed by individuals in deepening the water adjacent to the private docks and piers, and they are not aware of any objections, even if the Corporation holds a patent, to granting the privilege to the petitioner of building an additional Machine, and they therefore propose the following Resolution:

Resolved that Henry Carpenter be privileged to build, at his own expence, a Machine for cleaning or deepening the docks and Slips in this City, notwithstanding any patent right possessed by this Corporation to the contrary: Provided, however, that such machine shall be built & completed in 12 months from this date.

(Signed) S. Allen. S. Stevens.
A. Mann. H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[33] The same Committee on the petition of John Smith, reported: That it appears from the returns made to the City Inspector that the petitioner received during one year 288 dollars and that John Young received for the same period 153 dollars & 3 cents making together 441 dollars and 3 cents.

The Committee are of opinion that from the situation of these districts, both may be attended to by one person without detriment to the public and that the amount received will lar[g]ely compensate the person who attends them. They therefore propose the following Resolution:

Resolved that John Smith be appointed Inspector of Firewood for the Eigth & Ninth Inspection Districts.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Samuel Stevens
Asa Mann
Herm^{s} Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[34] The same Committee, on the petition of Christopher Blockberger, Reported:

That, in their opinion, the durability of said Caps would be very limited, as their continual exposure to the weather and the salt water spray from the River would so corrode them with rust as very soon to prevent their usefulness and by those means rather enhance than diminish the expence of the object. The Committee therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to adopt the measure proposed by the Memorialist.

(Signed) S. Allen
S. Stevens
A. Mann
H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of the owners and masters of vessels usually frequenting Fulton Long Wharf, reported:

That they are informed that the Wharf [35] alluded to is the property of the heirs of the late Robert Fulton and is very much out of repair, and as all wharves are legally viewed as public highways and are to be kept in repair by those who receive the emoluments arising from them, the Committee propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to notify the proprietors of the pier, known by the name of Fulton's Long Wharf, that the said pier must, on or before the 1st day of April next be substantially repaired at the expence of said proprietors.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Samuel Stevens
Asa Mann
Herms Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Kendrick, reported:

That it does not appear to your [36] Committee that the subject of deepening the Channel at Sandy Hook is one which properly comes under the cognizance of the local authorities of this City and that the Communication of Mr. Kenrick, therefore, might with more propriety have been addressed to the General or State Government: and, so far as the same relates to the cleaning of Slips in this City, the Committee are of opinion that the Machine at present in use answers all the purposes intended. They therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient for this Board to adopt any measure relative to the subject of the Communication alluded to.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Stephen Allen
Samuel Stevens
Asa Mann
Herms Tallman

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[37] The same Committee, on the petition for and the remonstrance against filling James' Slip, reported:

That in their opinion it is inexpedient to adopt the measure prayed for by the petitioners. Your Committee are not convinced by the reasoning of the petitioners that James Slip is a nuisance to the neighbourhood any more than any other of the Slips on the East River, but they are satisfied that the measure would be attended with a very heavy expence to individuals as well as to the public, while the accommodation to the vessels resorting to that part of the City would be lessened and a reason offered for a further demand on the Treasury to supply new piers to make good the deficiency. The Committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

(Signed) S. Allen S. Stevens
A. Mann H. Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

[38] Mr. Hammond presented the following resolutions, which were severally read and adopted and the 40th Section of the Bill was accordingly stricken therefrom:

" Whereas at the last stated meeting of the Board the draught of a Law entitled ' An Act to provide against infectious and pestilential diseases ' was agreed to and the Committee on Applications to the Legislature were instructed to prepare the usual petition thereon to the Honorable the Legislature: and

Whereas doubts have arisen as to the legality and propriety of the 40th Section of the said Bill: and whereas the requisite notice for reconsidering the said Bill has not been given: Be it therefore

Resolved that the 18th rule or order for the regulation of this Board be & the same is hereby dispensed with for the purpose of reconsidering the said Bill.

Resolved that said Bill be reconsidered.

Resolved that the 40th Section of the said Bill be stricken out.

[39] He also presented a Memorial to the Legislature corresponding with said Bill, which was approved, directed to be engrossed, duly authenticated and transmitted together with said Bill to the Legislature now in Session.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, reported: That, having taken into consideration the suggestion made by his Honor the Mayor on the subject of Alien passengers arriving in this City, they begged leave to propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a Law to amend the ' Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to this City into one Act,' making it obligatory on every master of any vessel arriving from any foreign port or from any other of the United States (whether he shall enter his vessel at the Custom House or not) within 24 hours after his arrival to report in writing on oath to the [40] Mayor or Recorder the name, age and occupation of every person who shall have been brought as a passenger in such vessel. upon pain of forfeiting the sum of 100 dollars for every Alien and 75 dollars for every other person neglected to be reported as aforesaid: and the owner or consignee of such vessel or cargo shall be liable as well as the master for any penalties thus incurred: and if any passenger, not being a Citizen of the United States, shall have been landed from any vessel within 50 miles of this City, with the intent of proceeding to it, the master, owner or consignee of such vessel or cargo shall be liable to a penalty of 500 dollars for every person so landing & entering this City: and farther that every alien who shall land in this City or enter it in any other manner, with the intent of residing in it, shall within 24 hours thereafter report himself to the Mayor or Recorder and give an account under oath of the means by which [41] he entered the City or be subject to emprisonment until he shall render the information required.

(Signed) Judah Hammond
Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

Alderman Allen presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be required to state to this Board from the Books kept in his Office or any other source which he may deem necessary, the amount of the balances remaining unpaid on assessments for opening, paving or regulating Streets and Avenues and for sinking Wells, and also the amount assessed on the Corporation both for property belonging to them and for gores of land left out in opening widening & straightening streets and which have not been sold and the money returned to the Treasury.

[42] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury—7th inst	4.51	
Recd for Tax 1819—1st, 3d, 10th Wards	9500.	
" " Streets	2250.	11,754.51

21 Accounts Audited.

R. Graves—Asst St. Comr 1 qr. 1st inst	375.
J. Morton—Clerk C. Council— do. do.	312.50
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. do. 14th inst	300.
Geo. Buckmaster—reprs. to Mud Machine	423.97
J. Morton—expences to & from Washington on business relative to claim of Corporation for Defence	200.
Wm Craig—balance of Intestate estate of Edward Rogers	206.28

C. Mooney—acct paving Bowery from Broome to North St.	800.	
Jas. Meghan—acct pavg Barclay St.	400.	
Jno. Targee & Associates—making sundry Assessments	349.50	
Jas. Pinkerton—acct pavg Broadway from Bleecker to Art Street	300.	
Wm Bailey—bal. regg North St. from 2d Avenue to Willet St.	247.18	
[43] Thos. Scott—acct pavg Washington St. from Dey to Courtland St.	200.	
Jno. Williams—acct regulg Green St.	140.	
Jno. Quin do. pavg Sullivan St.	100.	
H. Smith—regg & pavg at head of Albany Basin—North River	1451.14	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves & piers—30 days to 13th inst.	60.	
Jno. Quin—bal. filling at head of Canal Street Basin	173.10	
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment—Well in Laurens St.	32.40	
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Repairs	500.	
J. Fleming—Treasr to pay 30th dividd City Stock—due 1st inst. balance	1500.	
R. Furman—Supt Alms House	3500.	11,571.07
	Balance	$183.44

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[44] In Common Council February 21. 1820.

Present The Hon Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Hermanus Tallman
Robert McQueen	Benjamin Crane
Asa Mann	John J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Stephen P. Brittain
Stephen Allen	David Board
	William A. Davis
	Judah Hammond.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor laid before the Board a report or Calendar of Persons confined in the City Prison or Bridewell made by the Keeper thereof agreeably to the resolution of the Common Council, which was directed to be filed.

[45] He also laid before the Board a Return received from the

City of Baltimore of the Interments in that City during the past year, which was directed to be filed and the Mayor was requested to transmit to Baltimore in return the report of the City Inspector of the Interments in this City during the year 1819.

A petition of John Guest to be appointed a Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Stephen Gould offering for sale to the Common Council at a reduced price Johnson's Reports of the Decisions in the Supreme Court and Court of Errors of this State was read and referred to the Law Committee.

A petition from Higgins and Parks, Contractors for digging out Lombardy Street, stating that they found difficulty in disposing of the earth which is to be removed from said Street and offering to fill in New Slip at a low rate, [46] was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Samuel Parsons for remission of fine for selling liquor without licence, and a similar petition of John M^c^Gaviston, were read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants that Stanton and Lewis Streets may be filled in and regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Catharine Kilgrove stating her wish to rent the rooms above the Engine House in Roosevelt Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Holly Waterbury for appointment to the Office of Superintendant of the Mud Machine was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[47] A petition that a Well and Pump in Water Street between Peck Slip and Fulton Street may be filled up and removed was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Memorial was received from the Collectors of Assessments, stating that great inconvenience was frequently experienced by them in not having the Laws of the State to refer to for their own guidance and for the information of persons from whom taxes and Assessments were to be collected, and praying that a Set of the Laws of the State may be furnished for their office, was read and Resolved that the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to furnish them with a Copy of the Laws of the State at the expence of the Corporation.

A petition from Michael Fash, praying to be allowed the period of 60 days for payment of an Assessment on his house corner of

Houston and Green Streets, was read and [48] referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

Petitions were received from Anthony Compton and John Ross, stating that they were privates in the First Brigade of State Artillery and as such were exempt from personal taxes to amount of $500: that they had been assessed for a personal tax, and praying to be exempt therefrom: Which were read and referred to the Committee on Assessments with authority to grant the prayers of petitioners.

A Memorial from Thomas Fessenden, Assistant Justice of the 1st, 2d & 3d Wards of the City, complaining of Joshua L. Pell, Clerk of the Court established in and for said Wards, and praying he may be removed from said Office, was read & referred to the Law Committee.

A petition of William Rugan, Master of the Ship Richmond was received, stating [49] that he sailed in said Vessel from Liverpool for the Port of Philadelphia, bringing with him a number of Alien passengers; that on account of the Delaware being closed with Ice, he had put into this port where he arrived on the 7th instant; that some of the passengers coming on shore, he was informed that he was bound to report and give bond for the passengers; that in the report which he made, several children were thro' mistake omitted, whereby he had incurred a penalty and had been prosecuted therefor, and praying to be permitted to amend his report and give the usual Bond and that the suit against him may be discontinued. Whereupon it was referred to the Police Committee with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A petition of the prisoners confined in the Debtors' Gaol praying a Supply of fuel was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Abel Sammis, stating that he [50] was desirous of placing a Horse Boat on the Ferry between Hoorn's Hook and Long Island commonly called Hell Gate Ferry if he could secure suitable encouragement therefor from the Corporation, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 14.

Blasius Moore—Clerk—151 Fulton St. 2d Ward—vice Robert Buloid, resigned.

Ezra Dennison—Clerk. 207 Broadway—2d Ward—vice Abraham Coddington—resigned.

No. 30.

Elias B. Messerve—Butcher—Delancey St. c. Bowery—10th Ward. vice Marvel Garritson—removed.

No. 32.

Philip Taber: Carpenter: Arundel St: 10th Ward—vice Martin L. Wilsie—Made Fire Warden.

No. 36.

Aaron Saffin—Bricklayer—527 Greenwich St. 8th Ward [51] vice Robert R. Lorton—Resigned.

Abm Storms Jr. Accountt 470 Greenwich St. 8th Ward—vice James Clark—Deceased.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Laurens Street near Spring Street and also an Assessment for regulating Chapel Street—which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Bulkhead at the foot of Broad Street and one for extending the Sewer in Broad Street—which were passed and Abraham Baudouine, James Barrow and Abraham Bloodgood were appointed Assessors in each. Also an Ordinance for a Well & Pump in Mott Street between Grand and Broome Streets, which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, Abraham Russel & John Brow*n*[er] were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a return of Delinquents [52] on the following Assessments—Viz: For regulating and paving Harrison Street:
do. do. Fulton Street:
do. do. Washington Street:
do. do. Barclay S

For a Well and Pump in the 8th Avenue:
do. do. in Franklin Street.

whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to John G. Betts, Collector, for collecting the same.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances, which were passed:

1	C. Ray	Own.	142 Front St.	a Privy
	J. Harrington	Occ.		
2	D. Sullivan	Own.	127 Water St.	do.
	J. W. Walker	Occ.		
3	Heny McKeon	Les.	77 Bancker St.	do.
	do.	Occ.		

4	A. McDonald S. D. Vandenburg	Own. Occ.	58 Chapel St.	a Privy
5	J. Mowatt Jr. J. Connolly	Own. Occ.	87 Nassau St.	do.
6	Thos. W. Thorne	Own. & Occ.	1 Hudson St.	do.
7	[53] Mr. Oliver C. Kelly	Own. Occ.	3 Hudson St.	do.

(Signed) Geo. Cuming—City Inspector

The Comptroller reported that he had examined the Account of Stephen Allen Esqr. Treasurer of the Board of Health, and stated as follows:

" Agreeably to vouchers produced there has been expended from July 1. 1819 to Feb. 1. 1820	$4,506.87
The Treasurer has received by Warrants	4,500.
Leaving a balance due to him of	$6.87

For which sum a Warrant is reported this day.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker—Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

He also reported the following list of public property which may be disposed of the present season: Viz.

The Cellar under Duane Market.
do under Greenwich Market.
The Flag Staff at the Battery.
The Engine house Room in Rose Street.
do. do. in Roosevelt Street.
[54] The Engine-house room in Beaver Street.

The easterly part of Lots 31. 32 Common Lands at the Powder House.

The Lots 84 110. 163. 188 Common Lands.

The House & Lot at Brooklyn occupied by John Gildersleeve near the Ferry.

The Dock and Wharf at Brooklyn occupied by William Cutting.

The leases for the above will expire the 1st May next.

Several lots at Brooklyn under lease are to be renewed as may be agreed on by Arbitrators.

The pier at Whitehall Slip for the use of a Steamboat let to Aaron Ogden.

The Ferry at Hoorn's Hook.

The Docks & Slips and Street Manure Contracts will expire the 1st May next.

Several portions of ground remaining unproductive are comprised in the annual report published in May last.

(Signed) G. N. Bleecker—Comptr^r

Whereupon the subject of the Docks & Slips [55] was referred to the Committee on Wharves, the subject of the Street Manure to the Special Committee on that subject of which Alderman Taylor is Chairman and the remainder to the Finance Committee.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward, on the petition of the Inhabitants of Harlaem for the establishment of a Horse Market in that Village, reported:

That the prayer of the petitioners, in the opinion of your Committee, ought to be granted and they accordingly offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the Inhabitants of Harlaem and its vicinity be permitted to establish a Horse Market in that village

(Signed) George B. Thorp
" William A. Davis

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of John Keyser for Stall No. 22 Washington [56] Market, reported the following resolution:

Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

(Signed) Herm^s Tallman
Stephen Allen
J. J. Westervelt
John Hone.

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of John M. Hall to vend improved butter in market, reported:

That they have examined the butter prepared by the petitioner and consider it an improvement calculated to excite emulation in those who supply our Market with that article of consumption.

The principal process prepared by the petitioner appears to be the reworking of the Butter, putting it in handsome form by means of moulds prepared for the purpose and, by the aid of vessels so constructed with tin tubes as to admit a sufficiency of ice, [57] bringing it to Market in the summer months in a hard and firm condition.

The Committee cannot perceive that any injury will arise from granting a limited permit to the petitioner but some improvement in the Article may result from it, and they therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Market Committee be authorized to grant a permit to John M. Hall to vend butter prepared by himself in the public markets of this City, provided such permit shall not be for a longer period than nine months from this date.

(Signed) Hermanus Tallman
Stephen Allen
Jno. J. Westervelt

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of J. Farrington and others, reported:

That in their opinion the petitioners are entitled to a reasonab[l]e compensation [58] for their services and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved that a Warrant pass in favor of the Coroner for Six dollars to be paid by him to the petitioners referred to in the annexed petition.

(Signed) Benjamin Crane
" Samuel Stevens
" John Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Public Lands & Places, on the memorial of Robert Macomb on the subject of supplying the City with water, presented a report which was read, the further consideration postponed and it was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Street Committee, on the petition of Samuel Paxton, reported:

That they have considered the subject and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner may be granted. They there- [59] fore present the following resolution:

Resolved that Samuel Paxton be permitted to sell household furniture in front of his premises on Chamber Street, he conforming to the Ordinance regulating Sales at auction.

(Signed) Jacob B. Taylor
Asa Mann
John Morss
S. P. Brittain

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Special Committee, appointed by the resolution of last meeting to consider if any and what retrenchments may be made in the public expenditures, presented a report which was read, the consideration thereof postponed and it was directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Draught of a Bill to be presented to the Legislature to amend the Law in relation to the Assistant Justices was pre- [60] sented and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith, entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Court of Common Pleas in the City and County of New York and for the appointment of a First Judge of the same; which was read and the further consideration postponed.

The Counsel, to whom had been referred the petition of James Buckley, reported that in his opinion the petitioner would be subject to the penalty of the Law if he removed the house in question: which was read & referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 14th inst	183.44	
Recd Tax 1819—2d, 4th 5th 6th Wards	9000.	
[61] Received for Wells & Pumps	150.	
" " Canal Street Sewer	6000.	
" " Streets	2619.23	
" " Fourth Street	100.	18,052.67

27 Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leek—Watch 1st district	1167.25
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	756.
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	462.
G. N. Bleecker—Comptroller—1 qr. 15th inst	500.
Thomas Franklin—Ch. Engr 1 qr. 18th inst	200.
William S. Smith, Collector of City Revenue—1 qr. 22d instant	200.
John Wyman—Clerk of Sessions to pay Witnesses	12.
Stephen Allen Esqr. Treasurer to Board of Health—balance acct	6.87
Pinkerton & Forgye—acct paving Broadway to Art Street	800.
Thos. Lovett—acct pavg Reed St. from Washington St. to Bulkhead	500.
John Quin—account paving Thompson Street	300.
Pinkerton & Forgye—acct pavg Market St	300.
[62] John Quin—account paving Sullivan Street	200.
Henry Cochrane—account paving Washington Street	200.
James Meghan—account paving Elm Street	120.
William Mackin—paving Side walks of 2 lots Eldridge Street	18.29
William Mackin paving Side Walk of Lot 639 Eldridge Street	7.10

Wm Mackin—repairing Side Walk corner Washington & Warren Sts	6.40	
Jno. Williams—regg 4th Street from Bowery to 6th Avenue	200.	
John Gallagher—First Instalment Well in Green Street	39.60	
Hugh Donocho—First Instalment Well in Thompson Street	34.80	
Mechanics Bank for Bond 9 July 1819 & Interest Canal St. Sewer	5043.75	
J. P. Roome—Supt. Reprs. for repairs	750.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Lamp Department	150.	
[63] J. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Watch Department	24.	
Richd Furman—Superintendant of the Alms House	5000.	
Richd Furman—Supt Almshouse for 3d Avenue	1000.	18,028.06
	Balance	$24.61

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[64] In Common Council February 28. 1820.

Present Peter A. Jay Esqr, Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
John Hone	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
John P. Anthony	Herms Tallman
John Morss	Benjamin Crane
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Asa Mann	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Steph. P. Brittain
George B. Thorp	David Board
Stephen Allen	Judah Hammond

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of the Fishermen attending at Catharine Market, praying that the grocery stores in the vicinity of said Market may be permitted to keep their stores open on Sunday morning until Market hours, was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw [65] their petition.

A petition of Edward W. Laight, William Stillwell and John McKesson, stating that having been appointed Assessors for enlarging Beekman Street and having acted thereon and other Commissioners having since been appointed they pray their accounts for said services may be allowed—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Jacob Rabineau on subject of establishment of his Marine Baths and praying a location therefor, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Memorial of John Tucker stating that he had invented a machine for cleaning Streets to which he requested the attention of the Common Council was read and referred to the Street Committee and the Alderman of the Tenth Ward.

[66] A Memorial of sundry inhabitants, praying that Charlton Street may be completed between Washington and West Streets was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants that Green Street between Grand and Broome Streets may be filled in was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Samuel B. White for further time for payment of an Assessment on a lot owned by him fronting on Herring Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of John Ford for appointment to the Office of Measurer of Lumber and a recommendation in favor of the appointment of John Van Wart as Keeper of Potters' field, were read and referred to the Com- [67] mittee on Applications.

A petition of Stephen Crane Jr. and Nathan Joy, praying remission of fine incurred by selling liquor without licence was read and referred to the Police Committee with authority to grant the prayer of petitioners.

A petition of the Keeper and Assistant Keepers of the City Prison, praying for reasons stated in said petition that the Salaries heretofore allowed to them may not be reduced, was read and laid on the Table.

A petition of Peter Parsells, stating that he was Contractor for digging out and filling in certain Streets and was to have for his own use the high ground in Perry Street which he was interdicted by the Street Commissioner from taking and praying relief was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[68] A petition of Andrew Backus, stating that he owns a dwelling house at the intersection of the 6th Avenue and Cornelia Street and praying that it may be permitted to remain until the public improvements shall render its removal necessary—was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Memorial from the President and Directors of the Manhattan Company, praying to be refunded certain Assessments paid by them for opening the 8th and 9th Avenues thro' the property of Thomas B. Clarke—was read and referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner.

A petition from Robert Latimer for permission to exhibit a

Camera Obscura in the Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from certain Inhabitants, praying that the pay heretofore allowed to per- [69] sons serving on the City Watch may not be reduced, was read and laid on the Table.

A remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against permitting the Sale of Articles by Auction, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Presentment of the Grand Jury for the Sessions of February, recommending that all persons under 15 years of age who may be committed to Bridewell be confined in a separate apartment to preclude intercourse with persons of mature age, as the confinement of young with old offenders is in the opinion of the Grand Jury injurious, was read and referred to the Commissioners of the Almshouse.

A petition from Peter Charles L'Enfant, addressed to his Honor the Mayor, stating the services rendered by him in devising the plan and superintending the erection of the Old City Hall for which he received [70] no compensation altho' a grant of Ten Acres of land in the outward was on 9th October 1789 voted to him and praying the Corporation to take his case into consideration, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Joshua L. Pell, Clerk of the Justice's Court of the 1st, 2d & 3d Wards, in reply to the petition of Thomas Fessenden, Justice of said Court, requesting the removal of said Pell, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

The following persons were appointed Firemen (the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

Fire Engine Companies.

No. 9.

James O. Rich—Taylor—No. 9 Wall St. 1st Ward vice Abraham A. Slover—Resigned

No. 10.

Fredk Honson—Chair maker—Crosby St. 8th Ward—[71] vice Nicholas Andres—Resigned.

No. 11.

William P. Evans. Mercht. 8 Front St. 1st Ward—vice Hugh Monro—resigned.

Joseph Jamison—Sadler. 101 Pearl St. 1st Ward—vice Benjamin M. Brown—appointed Fire Warden of the First Ward.

John Gregory Jr. accountt 26 Moore St. 1st Ward vice William P. Harris—resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed—viz:

1	George Janeway	Own.	Cherry St.	A Lot
2	S. Jones Jr.	do.	Chapel St.	do.
3	B. Armitage	do.	Rivington St.	do.
4	J. Seely	do.	Hester St.	do.
5	T. C. Butler	do.	do.	do.
6	William H. Pinckney	do.	do.	do.
7	James N. Wells	do.	do.	do.
8	Daniel Mack J. Halsey	do. Occ.	239 Duane St.	A Privy

(Signed) G. Cuming—City Insp^r

[72] The Committee on Public Offices, on the account of the extra Bill of the Attorney, reported: That the account is made out agreeably to the resolutions of the Board regulating his fees. They offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the Attorney of the Board pay to the Chamberlain the balance of this account.

(Signed) Samuel Stevens
John Morss
Benj^n Crane
Thomas Bolton

which was approved, the resolution adopted and the balance $334.29 cts. directed to be paid accordingly.

The same Committee, on petition of the Reverend John Stanford, reported:

That they consider the services of this gentleman as valuable to these establishments and to the Community at large and that he should be suitably rewarded [73] therefor. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved that a Warrant pass in favor of the Reverend John Stanford for the sum of $300. in full for his past year's services.

(Signed) Samuel Stevens
John Morss
Benjamin Crane
Thomas Bolton

which was approved, the resolution adopted, and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly.

The Committee of Assessments, on the Memorial of A. Stagg and others on the subject of Assessments on Washington Street, reported: That they have made the necessary enquiry and find no reason why it should be referred back to the Assessors again. It appears to your Committee that the Assessment is all correct except that of Mr. Abraham Stagg who is overrated by mistake in figures. He was put down in the Assessment 271 instead [74] of 217 loads, which was 54 loads more than was intended by the Assessors: and it is also acknowledged by the Contractor Mr. Smith that it is a mistake and that he is willing to deduct 54 loads from Mr. Stagg. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved that 54 loads be deducted from Mr Abraham Stagg's Assessment and that the Collector be instructed to collect the remainder.

(Signed) J. J. Westervelt
E. W. King
Thomas Bolton
Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Canal Committee, on the Memorial of Smith Bloomfield, reported:

That they have enquired of the Street Commissioner in relation to the matters set forth in the said Memorial [75] That the Street Commissioner represents to your Committee that the memorialist Mr. Bloomfield entered into a contract with the Corporation to build the Sewer in Chapel Street, to be done after the manner described in said Contract, subject to the inspection of the Street Commissioner and a Superintendant to be appointed for that purpose, and that any work or materials disapproved by the said Street Commissioner or Superintendant should be forthwith taken down or removed and the same rebuilt so as to be approved by them:

That during the progress of building said Sewer the said Contractor has repeatedly refused to comply with the directions of the Street Commissioner and the said Superintendant in relation to the workmanship and materials thereof, but went on in building the said Sewer in his own way regardless of the directions of the said Street Commissioner and Superintendants and of the covenants contained in said contract, in consequence whereof the said Superintendant [76] has refused to approve the said work and to give a certificate thereof, and the Street Commissioner refuses to accept of it as being completed according to the contract.

By the contract the Contractor is to be paid for the work as the Assessment to be imposed therefor is collected. In consequence of the difficulties as above stated no measures have as yet been taken to make the Assessment. Of this the Contractor complains as a great hardship, as he is thereby kept out of a large sum of money.

Under all the circumstances of the case the Committee are of opinion that it would be inexpedient for the Board to interfere, but that the subject should be left with the Street Commissioner with powers to make such arrangements to adjust the same as may be just and equitable. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

[77] Resolved that the subject of the Memorial of Smith Bloomfield, the Contractor for building the Sewer in Chapel Street, be referred to the Street Commissioner and that he be authorized to make such arrangements for adjusting the same as may be just and equitable.

(Signed) John Morss
Shivers Parker
Herm^{s} Tallman

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department, on the Memorial of J. Jones & Son, reported:

That they have viewed the said Store situated in the First Ward and find that there are two Counting Rooms, one on the first and one on the second floor of the said Store in which fire is kept and also that the hemp is stored against the chimney and in the opinion of your Committee is dangerous. They respectfully recommend the following resolution: Resolved [78] that the prayer of Joshua Jones & Son ought not to be granted.

(Signed) J. P. Anthony
Herm^{s} Tallman
Robert M^{c}Queen

which was approved and the Clerk was directed to furnish the petitioners with a copy of the report.

The same Committee, on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn, reported:

That your Committee have viewed the said Stores and are of opinion that permission ought to be granted to the petitioners to continue the quantity they have in their Stores but not to increase the same. The following resolution is respectfully submitted:

Resolved that Peter Schermerhorn and Sons be permitted to continue the quantity of hemp now in their stores No. 226 Front St. & No. 241 Water Street but not to increase the same.

(Signed) R. McQueen: H. Tallman

[79] which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, piers and Slips, on the Memorial of sundry Inhabitants respecting obstructions experienced by Market Boats at Coenties Slip by vessels from the eastward occupying the same for a length of time for selling fish, reported:

That they have had the subject of said petition under consideration, and, in order that a correct understanding of the grievances complained of might be had, a personal conference with a Committee of the petitioners was requested and obtained by your Committee. The evils complained of by the petitioners are that within the last 2 or 3 years vessels from the State of Massachusetts, wholly laden with salted fish, have almost exclusively occupied the Coenties Slip for the purpose of retailing their said cargoes, thereby driving from their accustomed place of resort the river craft with produce and the Market Boats from [80] the surrounding country to the great injury and inconvenience of the Inhabitants of the neighbourhood and of the petitioners in particular. Your Committee are informed and believe that many of the petitioners have contributed largely toward the accommodation for Sloops and Market Boats in that part of the City and have also loaned money to the Corporation at less than legal interest for the purpose of building the necessary piers in that vicinity, beside ceding to the public a valuable water right between Coenties and Exchange Slips without any claim on the Treasury whatever for said cession or the awards of large sums by a jury for improving and increasing the value of their property as in a case very recent in another part of this City. The only consideration expected by the petitioners for the sacrifices thus made was an improvement in their business by the accommodation offered to vessels bringing the produce of our country from this and the ad- [81] joining States; but of this they are now deprived by the admission of vessels to the said Slip not entitled by the Corporation ordinance to enter on yearly pay.

The Committee are of opinion that the complaint of the petitioners is well founded and calls for the interference of the Board, and that measures ought to be adopted to remedy the evils they are experiencing; but they do not feel themselves authorized to recommend any addition to the piers in that part of the City as the measure, in their opinion, is not imperiously called for and the finances of the Corporation will not permit additional expence for that object.

The Committee therefore recommend that an Ordinance be passed excluding all vessels from lying in Coenties Slip from and after the day of next, except such as are designated by law as vessels which are to pay a yearly wharfage on their first coming to lie at any of the Wharves or Slips belonging to the Corporation under the [82] penalty of dollars for each day such excluded vessel shall lie at or occupy any of the said Wharves or Slips: and the Committee offer the following resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an Ordinance in conformity with the above recommendation.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
" Asa Mann
" Herm^s Tallman
" Robert M^{c}Queen

which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an Ordinance accordingly.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the first annual report of the Bank for Savings, reported:

That they have read with no small degree of interest the document referred to them, and in their opinion the Bank for Savings bids fair to be a great and lasting blessing to this community, particularly to [83] that class of our fellow citizens for whose use it was more especially established. The representations made by the Trustees in their report and the facts they have stated as occurring in the course of their operations are conclusive evidence to your Committee that the influence of example is exciting an emulation among the depositors both salutary and commendable; and in proportion as this disposition to save and economise is fostered and encouraged, your Committee believe the moral condition and domestic happiness of the objects will be improved and established.

The Committee will not trespass on the time of the Board by any further remarks on the merits of this Institution; altho' much might be said to establish the fact of its general utility. They were of opinion, however, that the report of the Trustees ought to be published for general information by order of the Board; but presuming this could not be effected without [84] considerable expence they have concluded to recommend that it be filed and therefore propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Report of the Trustees of the Bank for Savings be filed in the Clerk's Office.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
B. Crane
John Hone
J. Hammond.

which was approved and the report directed to be filed accordingly.

The same Committee, on the Account of the Public Administrator, reported:

That they have carefully examined the said Statement and compared the several sums with the Book kept by the Administrator and have found them correctly stated and that the balance remaining in his hands on the 1st day of January aforesaid was 1538 dollars 25 cents. They therefore propose the following resolution:

[85] Resolved that the report of the public Administrator be filed in the Office of the Comptroller.

(Signed) Stephen Allen
Benj^{n} Crane
John Hone
Judah Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Catharine Kilgrove, reported:

That they are informed the petitioner is a person of good character and is willing to take the premises alluded to at the yearly rent of 75 dollars and give ample security for the payment. The Committee are of opinion that the proposed rent is equitable and that therefore the premises ought to be rented to the petitioner accordingly and they propose the following resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to rent the rooms over the Engine [86] House in Roosevelt Street to Catherine Kilgrove for one year from the 1st day of May next at the annual rent of 75 dollars, provided the said Catherine give the necessary security, to be approved by this Committee for the due payment of the said rent.

(Signed) Steph. Allen
Benj^{n} Crane
Jno. Hone
Judah Hammond

which was approved & the resolution adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Declew, reported:

That the petitioner has accupied the establishment alluded to for a number of years for which he has paid an annual rent of 400 dollars, and that his present lease will expire on the first day of April next.

The Committee are informed that the business of the petitioner has decreased [87] in a ratio with the times and his income is consequently barely sufficient to pay his rent and support his family; and as rents have generally been reduced they are of opinion that a small deduction ought to be made in the rent of the premises held by the petitioner, and they propose the following resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to rent the Flag Staff to John Declew, the present occupant, for one year from the 1st day of April next at the annual rent of 350 dollars, subject to the same conditions contained in his present lease and with the requisite security, to be approved by this Committee for the payment of the said rent.

(signed) Stephen Allen
Benjn Crane
John Hone
Judah Hammond

which was approved and the resolution adopted.

[88] The Counsel reported to the Board that the Chancellor had refused to grant an injunction to stay the collection of the Canal Assessment: which report was directed to be filed.

He also reported that the Supreme Court at the last January term appointed Philip Hone, Henry J. Wyckoff, and Thomas Storm Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the case of Dover Street and that they had all refused to act; that he had therefore proposed another petition to the Supreme Court for the appointment of other Commissioners which he presented. Whereupon it was resolved that the subject be referred to the Committee on Assessment and the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward.

He also, agreeably to order, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill to be enacted into a Law entitled [89] "An Act to amend an Act entitled An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act"—so far as relates to the importation of passengers"—which being read were approved, and directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

He also, agreeably to order, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith to be enacted into a Law entitled " An Act relative to the opening and laying out of Streets in the City of New York," which being read were in the words following:

(Memorial.)

To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York in Senate & Assembly convened

The Memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York respectfully sheweth—That [90] the laws relative to opening and laying out Streets &c. in the City of New York empowers the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to assess any part not exceeding one third of the estimated value of buildings which it may be necessary to remove upon your memorialists: That in the exercise of this power it has sometimes happened that heavy sums have been assessed upon your Memorialists when the peculiar benefit which individuals have sustained in consequence of such improvements has far exceeded the whole expence of making them.

Your Memorialists would farther represent that the revenues of the said City are barely adequate to meet its ordinary expences and that they find it indispensibly necessary to guard against any other expenditures.

Your Memorialists therefore pray that your Honorable Body will be [91] pleased to pass a Law respecting so much of the said Act as empowers Commissioners to assess every portion of the value of Buildings which it may be necessary to remove in order to open or improve streets upon your Memorialists.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Act.)

An Act relative to the opening & laying out of Streets in the City of New York.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate and Assembly—That it shall not be lawful to and for the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, under and by virtue of so much of the Act entitled " An Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act." as relates to the opening and laying out of Streets &c. to assess any part of the value of any building or buildings which it may be necessary to remove for the purpose of laying out and forming or extending [92] and enlarging or otherwise improving any Street or public place in any part of said City on the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York, any thing in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding."

On the question of approving the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The ayes and nays having been called by Mr. Stevens were as follow:

Affirmative. Aldermen. Morss—Taylor—Thorp—Allen. Messrs. Tallman—Crane—Parker—Brittain—Board—Hammond.

Negative. Aldermen Hone—King—Anthony—M^{c}Queen—Mann. Messrs. Bolton—Stevens—Westervelt.

The Attorney presented a complaint made against Captain Allen of the Schooner Telegraph for laying his vessel in Fly Market Slip; also against William Rhinelander for leaving open his vault in Broad- [93] way without a curb around it; also against Samuel Y. Allaire for selling liquor without licence with a petition from said Allaire on the subject: which several complaints were referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

The Report of the Committee on Retrenchments, presented last evening and laid on the Table, was called up and being read was in the words following:

The Committee appointed to enquire and report if any and what retrenchments can be made in the expenditures of this Corporation report: that the present expenditures of this Board, when viewed in relation to the ways and means by which they are to be disbursed is a subject of serious alarm which should command their prompt and immediate attention: that for a number of years last past (which may be called years of prosperity in comparison with the present) the amount col- [94] lected from the various sources of City Revenue, together with a large oppressive direct tax, has been insufficient to meet these expenditures and to provide for the deficiencies the Board has been obliged to dispose of public property to a large amount and to create a City Debt which at this moment amounts to near $120,000: that it will take nearly if not the whole amount of the City Revenue to pay the interest of this debt, leaving no other resources to defray these expenditures but by resorting to a direct tax.

From the present depression and stagnation of every kind of business and scarcity of money, the sources from which the City Revenue is derived is likely to be seriously affected. It is also apprehended that from the same causes the greatest difficulty will exist in the collection of the taxes. From these causes it is believed that unless some vigorous and efficient measures are immediately adopted to [95] lessen the expenditures, these effects in the course of the present year will be attended with pecuniary embarrassments, to remove which it will become necessary to increase the City Debt.

Under these impressions your Committee have proceeded to the enquiry referred to them. Among the subjects of expenditure, the first that has commanded their attention is the Salary of the Officers and the pay of persons employed or paid by the Board. They find that in most cases their salaries and pay have been from time to time increased during the progressive increase of the necessaries of living; that it is not only just but at this particular crisis it is incumbent on the Board, when the causes which induced them to increase their pay no longer exist, to accompany the same with a corresponding reduction.

There is another consideration which has had some influence on the Committee and which they think will [96] be duly appreciated by the public spirit of the incumbents themselves: that the amount of the reductions is so much taken from the burdens of the community at large now suffering under the severe depression of the times.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that a reduction of the salaries and pay of the Officers in the employ of the Board or paid by them ought to be made; that the situation of the finances of the Board demands it and that the present cost of the necessaries of living justifies it. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved that the following reductions of the salaries and wages paid by this Board be made, to wit:

Of the Mayor from	$7000	to	$6000.
The Clerk "	750	"	600
City Inspector	1250	"	750
Street Commissioner	2000	"	1750
Assistant St. Commissioner	1500	"	1300
[97] Comptroller from	2000	to	1750
City Treasurer	500		400
Counsellor to the Board	500		400
Collector of City Revenue	800		750
Superintendant of Repairs	1200		1000
Chief Engineer	800		500
Superintendant of Alms House	1500		1300
Clerk of the Alms house	500		400
Keeper of the Penitentiary	1000		800
Assistant Keepers do. each	450		400
Keeper of the City Prison	600		400
Deputies do. each	400		350

Special Justices of Police each	$1000	to	$750
Clerk in Police Office	1000		750
Assistant Clerk do.	900		800
3 Inspectors of Bread	400		300
Keeper of City Hall	400		350
2 Messengers each to be paid $1. per day exclusive of Sundays.			
John Burger for regg pub. Clock	266		200
Editor of Mercantile Advertiser	150	per ann.	100
" Evening Post	150		100
" National Advocate	150		100

[98] That the pay to the Columbian and Commercial Advertiser be discontinued as yearly papers.

3 Street Inspectors each including Sundays	2	per day	1.75
2 Assistants to Board of Health exclusive of Sundays	2	per day	1.75
2 Assistants to City Inspector exclusive of Sundays.	2	per day	1.75
Superintendant of Lamps	1.50	per day	1.25
Keeper of Potters' field	1.50	per day	1.25
Superintendant of docks & Slips. exclusive of Sundays.	2.	per day	1.50
Captains of the City Watch	1.87½	per night	1.50
Assistants to do.	1.37½	do.	1.12½
Watchmen	.87½	do.	.75
The pay for lighting lamps	.1¾		.1½
do. do.	.1½		.1¼
The Aldermen as Judges of Sessions	4.	per day	3.

Resolved that the Salary of the Mayor as reduced by the foregoing resolution, commence from the 4th inst. the day of his reappointment and that [99] the salaries & wages of the other officers & persons, as reduced by the said resolution commence from the 1st day of March next.

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be directed to report an Ordinance to amend the several ordinances affected by the foregoing resolutions so as to make them in conformity thereto.

The Committee have had under their consideration the subject of the Office of the City Inspector and it appears to them that this office might be abolished without much if any inconvenience to the public and that its duties could be performed by the Clerk and Assistants to the Board of Health; but as some doubts exist in the Committee as to the expediency of the measure at this time, they have laid it over for further consideration.

By the foregoing resolutions the reduction of expenditures will be upwards of $16,000, on $100,000. and if a correspondent reduction takes place in the other items of [100] expenditure the Committee have strong hopes that they may be brought within the ability of the Board to meet them without any increase of the City Debt; but to do this will require the exercise of great economy on the part of the Board.

The Committee intend pursuing the enquiry and beg leave to submit the present as only a report in part.

(Signed) John Morss
Sam^{l} Stevens
John Hone
W^{m} A. Davis
Steph. Allen

Alderman Taylor moved to strike out the item in relation to the Mayor's Salary—which was carried in the Affirmative. It was then moved to fix the Salary of the Mayor at $5500—which was agreed to.

It was then moved to strike out the item in relation to the City Inspector—which was carried. It was moved to fix his salary at $800—which was agreed to.

[101] It was then moved to strike out the item in relation to the Street Commissioner which was agreed to. It was moved to fix his salary at $1500. which was carried.

It was then moved to strike out the item in relation to the Superintendant of the Alms house—which was carried. It was moved to fix his salary at $1250—which was agreed to.

It was then moved to strike out the item in relation to the Deputy Keepers of the City Prison so as to leave their salary as at present fixed—which was agreed to.

Similar motions were made in relation to the Keeper of the City Hall and the Superintendant of Lamps, which were agreed to. The words " John Burger " in the item relative to regulating public clocks was also directed to be stricken out

A motion was then made that the item in relation to the Superintendant of Docks & Slips be stricken out and that that office be abolished—which was referred to the Committee [102] on Retrenchments.

It was then moved that the subject of the pay to the Captains, Assistants and Watchmen of the City Watch be referred to the Watch Committee, which was agreed to.

It was then moved that all that part of the Second resolution relative to the Mayor be stricken out, which after some discussion was agreed to.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the 3^{d} resolution—which was carried in the Affirmative.

The several resolutions as amended were agreed to as follow:

1. Resolved that the following reductions of the Salaries & wages paid by this Board be made, Viz:

Of the Mayor	from $7000	to $5500
Clerk	750	600
City Inspector	1250	800
Street Commissioner	2000	1500
Assistant Street Commissioner	1500	1300
Comptroller	2000	1750
[103] City Treasurer	500	400
Counsellor to the Board	500	400
Collector of City Revenue	800	750
Superintendant of repairs	1200	1000
Chief Engineer	800	500
Superintendant of Alms house	1500	1250
Clerk to Alms house	500	400
Keeper of Penitentiary	1000	800
Assistant Keepers do. each	450	400
Keeper of City prison	600	400
Deputy do. each 400 as fixed at present.		
Special Justices Police. each	1000	750
Clerk in Police Office	1000	750
Assistant Clerk do.	900	800
2 Inspectors of Bread	400	300
Keeper of City Hall	400	400
2 messengers each to be paid $1 per day exclusive of Sundays.		
Regulator of Public Clocks	266	200
Editor of Mercantile Advertiser	150 per an.	100
“ Evening Post	150	100
“ National Advocate	150	100

The pay to the Columbian & Commercial Advertiser to be discontinued as yearly papers.

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2 Assistants to Board of Health 2 p. day 1.75 exclusive of Sundays

2 Assistants to City Inspector exclusive of Sundays	2 p. day	1.75
Keeper of Potters field	1.50 "	1.25
The pay for lighting lamps	.1¾	.1½
do. do.	.1½	.1¼

Aldermen as Judges of the Sessions 4. per day 3.

2. Resolved that the Salaries & wages of the officers and persons (other than the Mayor) as reduced by the said resolution commence from the 1st March next.

3. Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be directed to report an Ordinance to amend the several ordinances affected by the foregoing resolutions so as to make them in conformity thereto.

The question was then taken on the whole of the resolutions as amended and carried in the Affirmative. The ayes and nays having been required [105] by Mr. Stevens, were as follow:

Affirmative. Ald. Anthony—Morss — Mann — Taylor — Allen Messrs. Tallman — Crane — Westervelt — Brittain — Board — Hammond. 11

Negative. Ald. Hone—King—McQueen—Thorp. Messrs. Bolton —Stevens—Parker. 7.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 21st inst	24.61	
Recd for rents	3290.63	
" Tax 1819—7th 8th 9th 10th Wards	4200.	7.515.24

25 Accounts Audited.

O. Edwar[d]s—Counsel—1 qr. 27th inst	125.
B. Skaats—Keeper C. Hall " "	100.
G. Gilbert, Register—cancelling mortgages & drafting Index	640.38
O. Edwards—fees & expences in Chancery case relative to Canal Sewer & drawing sundry laws	420.
B. Skaats—expences for Corporation 1 qr. 24th inst	225.10
[106] Henry J. Megarey—binding Laws of Corporation for Charleston	22.
J. Vanderbilt Jr. Coroner—to pay Marshalls attending inquest on death of James Stoughton	6.
J. Warner—Special Justice—1 qr. 26th inst	250.
J. Hopson— do. do.	250.
C. Christian do. do.	250.
P. Townsend—Clerk Police do.	250.
R. Stephens—Assist. Clerk do.	225.
Geo. B. Raymond. to pay officers conveying persons to City Prison 1 qr. 26th instant	88.12

J. Hays—to pay officers conveying prisoners to penitentiary 1 qr. 26 inst.	53.50	
J. Hays—to pay officers extra service in Police 1 qr. 26 inst.	77.80	
Edwd Doughty—Surveys, Maps &c	1349.41	
Pinkerton & Forgye acct repaving Market Street	500.	
C. Mooney—acct pavg Bowery, from North to Jones St.	500.	
H. Smith—acct pavg Liberty St	400.	
[107] Thos. Scott—acct pavg Dey St	400.	
Jno. Sloan— do. regg Wooster St	300.	
Robert Pettigrew—balance Well in Laurens St	32.40	
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps 1 month 1st March	676.65	
Joseph Dederer—Int. on Bond 1 year to 3d Jany last	295.66	
Egbert Benson—Int. on Bond 6 months 1st inst	70.	7507.02
	Balance	$8.22

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

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